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Comment of the day

The Duke's choice

WHEN King Edward VIII decided in 1937 that a love affair was more important than his Empire, he dealt the British monarchy a staggering blow. For he was no minor, insignificant, unknown princeling suddenly translated by a remote relation's death to the supremacy of the English throne. He was the apple of the public's eye and as one observer commented recently: "All the emotional devotion not only in the British Empire, but throughout the world was concentrated on him... no young man has ever been so much beloved by people so vastly different."

And the man of whom so much was expected and in whom so much admiration, pride and hope was vested, turned from the path of duty for a life of pleasure, carefree ease and gaiety. We might add that the path of duty he faced as king was one which had been trodden smooth by more than a thousand years of custom, tradition and refinement and his burdens therefore were not exceptionally onerous.

INDEED with the affection he enjoyed and a constitutional responsibility lighter than any English king in history had been asked to bear, he had everything in his favour. A propitious and glorious reign lay before him. Let it be clearly understood that England did not repudiate her king. It was the King who walked out on England.

Almost 25 years have passed. The monarchy not only survived the abdication but under the much beloved King George VI and the present Queen and her widely respected consort, made a brilliant recovery. And today in its new Commonwealth setting, it enjoys a stability and popularity rarely equalled in history. Britain and the Commonwealth can be thankful that there were such people to save the throne. And if the Duke of Windsor has felt, as his wife the Duchess now says, that since his departure he has been treated rather shabbily by the British Government and public the reason is not hard to find. If today he is a pathetic, aimless and somewhat forlorn character, the fault is not Britain's. It is his own.

IT is doubtful if many British people actively hold a grudge today. Many indeed felt sympathy for him in his abdication dilemma. Some blamed prudish conventions, politicians and the Church and, in spite of disappointment, wished him good fortune and happiness. But he had no claim on Britain to provide him with employment, titles, land, pension or prestige. Yet in spite of this he has been able to lead a dignified, prosperous and comfortable existence.

If the Duchess of Windsor has anything to moan about it can only be that her husband has not made use of his talents or tried seriously to rise above the life into which he has so effortlessly and easily drifted. Ready or imagined cold shoulders from Buckingham Palace have not condemned him to this existence. For unlike other members of that frustrated set of unemployed royalty who were spurned by their people, the Duke still arouses incredulity as the King who rejected his people and his throne.

Alleged attempt to sell American documents PASSPORT CASE DISMISSED

No evidence of false pretences

Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning acquitted a 35-year-old British national accused of attempting to obtain HK\$30,000 from a police inspector by falsely pretending that he could sell five American passports.

The accused was Peter Noel V. Newsome, 35, of 11K Far East Mansions, Kowloon, who was on a bail of \$300.

Mr Phillips, in his ruling of no case to answer said that there was no evidence of any false pretences before the court.

Newsome was accused of attempting to obtain the money from Detective Inspector Mr Yan-fan on November 15 last year at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr W. C. R. Carr of Carr and Co. had submitted that the offence alleged by the police was not a violation of Hongkong law but a violation of American law.

Mr Carr further submitted yesterday that there was no evidence of false pretences when his client offered the five American passports to Inspector Ng on the day in question.

Mr D. Lloyd, Assistant Director of the General Investigation Section, prosecuted.

Second coup in six months

Washington, Jan. 25. The second coup within six months has toppled the government of the mountainous Central American coffee republic of El Salvador, diplomatic sources here said today.

They said they had no details of the reported takeover of power from a civilian and military junta which ousted anti-Communist President Jose Maria Lemus last October and promised to restore civil liberties while remaining pro-Western.

The reports followed failure of efforts to contact El Salvador by radio or telegraph since yesterday, though an El Salvador Embassy spokesman here said such conditions were not unknown and did not necessarily mean the interruption of communications to be political.

DISURBANCES

The overthrow of the Lemus regime followed a series of pro-Castro disturbances in which one man was killed and several injured, but a spokesman of the junta denied suggestions that the new regime was influenced by pro-Cuban sympathizers.

It announced last November that it had foiled an attempt to overthrow it, and later obtained diplomatic recognition from the United States and Britain. The junta was headed by Colonel Miguel Angel Castillo.—Reuter.

LEOPARD FAILS AUDITION

London, Jan. 25. Shapur, a circus leopard given an audition for a walk-on part in a forthcoming Sadlers Wells opera, failed to make the grade.

A Sadlers Wells spokesman said "he was a little too bashful and later revealed his inability to get on with the rest of the cast by nipping one of the tigers in the arm."

Shapur has been returned to his owners, Bertram Mills Circus.—China Mail Special.

Bad weather hampers search for plane

Djakarta, Jan. 25. The aerial search for a missing Garuda Indonesian Airways DC-3 with 21 people aboard was suspended late this morning because of continued foul weather.

The twin-engine plane disappeared yesterday morning on a regular 30-minute flight from Djakarta to Bandung.

A few reports received from villagers located in southern Purwakarta, West Java, said they heard "a plane flying very low."

Purwakarta is the final checkpoint with the Djakarta air traffic control before beginning the approach to the mountain-topped Bandung airport. Officials said the pilot reported no trouble to the Purwakarta checkpoint.

The incident was the first major mishap in Garuda's ten-year history. The only fatal accident so far was when a pilot was killed attempting an emergency landing at Palembang in 1959.—UPI.

Mr Jones goes to work



Mr Anthony Armstrong-Jones, husband of Princess Margaret, arriving at the design centre in the Haymarket, London, on Monday to begin his first day's work as consultant to the Council of Industrial Design.—AP photo.

KENNEDY NOW WANTS INDEPENDENT LAOS

Washington, Jan. 25. President Kennedy told his Press conference tonight that the United States wanted to see Laos become an independent, peaceful, uncommitted country which was not dominated by either East or West.

Mr Kennedy said that the Soviet Union had not yet replied to the British proposal for the re-establishment of the International Control Commission for Laos. But he expressed the view that they ought to know soon whether there was

any hope for the reconvening of the commission.

A British Foreign Office spokesman in London related that Britain still hopes to see the three-power commission return to Laos.

He made the statement at a news conference after the Laotian Government of Prince Boun Oum revealed that it was opposed to the idea.

It was understood that Laotian Foreign Minister Chao Sophasana has informed the British Embassy in Vientiane of his government's objections to reconvening the commission. The commission—composed of India, Canada and Poland—is an outgrowth of the 1954 Geneva Conference which stopped the Indo-China war.

Released U.S. pilots on way home

Amsterdam, Jan. 26. Capts John R. McKone and Freeman B. Olmstead arrived here early today from Moscow following their release from seven months in a Soviet prison.

The RB-47 pilots changed planes to a U.S. Air Force Constellation and left 29 minutes later for the United States.

The men were freed by Russia in a conciliatory gesture to the Kennedy administration after being held since last July when their plane was shot down over the Barents Sea.

The change of planes was accomplished so quickly that the two men were unable to answer international telephone calls awaiting them at the airport from their wives in Topoka, Kansas.

Well dressed

The fliers were well dressed and said they had slept well during the flight from Moscow. Both appeared to be in good spirits.

Their plane was flying non-stop to the United States. The trip was expected to take about

20 hours. It was not known whether they planned to land in Washington or New York.

Last night President Kennedy announced that the two Americans had been released.

Other points

At an extraordinary televised news conference he also announced:

- 1. The American Government was asking a postponement—until late March—in the resumption of negotiations at Geneva for an atomic test ban. He said the United States needed more time to prepare.
- 2. The US had decided to make a substantial increase in its contributions of food to meet famine conditions in the Congo.
- 3. The United States had no plans "at this time" to move toward reopening diplomatic relations with Cuba.—UPI & AP.

America urged to back UK on colonialism

New York, Jan. 25.

Sir Patrick Dean, Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations, said today that it would be a "great advantage" to the free world if the United States spoke out on the colonialism issue.

Hijacked liner heads for Africa

Washington, Jan. 25. The Portuguese liner Santa Maria, hijacked at the weekend, was tonight sighted by a U.S. Navy plane in mid-Atlantic apparently heading towards Africa.

The Navy announced that one of its planes had sighted the rebel-held liner 800 miles east of Trinidad and 700 miles north of Belem, in Brazil, and was trying to communicate with it.

The Navy said the Santa Maria was travelling at 15 knots.

Earlier the US destroyer Robert L. Wilson dropped out of the search when she put into Trinidad to refuel as the British frigate Rothay had earlier done.

LINER'S ENDURANCE

As the Rothay refuelled, Commodore Colin Shand, Senior British Naval Officer, West Indies, suggested an air search from Europe or Africa, declaring the 20,000-ton liner's endurance was much greater than a frigate.

In Washington, the State Department defended America's part in the hunt with a statement declaring there was "ground for suspicion"—though not a firm one—of piracy.

(In Russia's first comment on the incident, a Moscow Radio commentator said tonight the seizure of the liner by the anti-Salazar rebels headed by Captain Henrique Galvao could be regarded as a protest against the Salazar regime and was undoubtedly a "political act".)

FIGHT TO DEATH

(In Sao Paulo, General Humberto Delgado, Portuguese anti-Salazar leader in exile also said in an interview that it was "Portuguese business". He said the rebels would fight to the death if force was used to stop them—"war is war".)

From the radio room of the liner itself Captain Galvao continued to broadcast defiance to ships and planes hunting him and declared "we will never surrender."—Reuter.

Siamese cat with gold tooth

London, Jan. 25. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals headquarters has had a "guest" with a difference—an affluent cat who had something many humans cannot afford—a gold tooth.

A worried woman rang the society to tell inspectors that her Siamese cat was missing and added that it could be easily identified because of its gold tooth.

Following a phone call later reporting "a dejected looking cat" sitting in a street, an ambulance was sent, the errand cat collected and duly identified by its tooth.

It was then returned to its owner.—China Mail Special.

"It is the chance of taking, in the United Nations," he said, "an objective, constructive and disinterested leadership in the consideration of colonial problems there—unhindered by the ideological blinkers of the Communists, unhindered by contemporary colonial involvements and with your own emancipation sufficiently long ago for you to be free of its emotional aftermath."

"If this is done, encouragement will be given to our friends, and to the new countries themselves and a check will be set to subversion by the Communists and their allies."

Pilgrims of U.S.

Sir Patrick spoke to a meeting of a group known as the Pilgrims of the United States. Referring to U.S.-British relations on the issue Sir Patrick said:

"This is the objective of British colonial policy—the creation of new nations undivided by ideological, racial or tribal differences and imbued with the strength which only freedom and prosperity can give."

"If the application of this policy comes under discussion at the United Nations, as it has in the past and may again, then we believe we can expect the United States that it would undertake to consider the problems involved, the complexities of the local political situation and of the various international pressures that may surround it."

Informal talks

"On the basis of such understanding, we would reasonably hope that no United States government would, by its action in the United Nations, make more difficult our task."

Sir Patrick added that should differences arise, he hoped the U.S. would tell Great Britain "in one of the many informal exchanges which we are always having."

"We hope that you will not be inhibited, as I think has sometimes happened in the past, by a feeling that we were more directly concerned or knew more about the problem."

Different

He continued: "We British are still a colonial power. The nature of our present responsibilities therefore in Africa and in other parts of the world is rather different from yours."

But, he said, "the objective of both of us is the same—the patient building up of new nations which, when they have become independent, will be effective, vigorous and free from internal strife."—AP.

67 earn over £100,000 in Britain

London, Jan. 25. Sixty-seven people in Britain had an income of over £100,000—estimated to be in the millionaire class—in the financial year 1958-59, according to figures published today.

The figures, published in the Inland Revenue Commissioner's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1960, indicated that the Board of Inland Revenue collected £2,904 million last year against the record of £2,012 million in 1958-59.

Of the 1958-59 earnings, the number of Britons making between £75,000 and £100,000 fell by two, but all groups between £5,000 and £75,000 showed increases.—China Mail Special.

Wall Street makes sixth advance in a row

New York, Jan. 25. The stock market advanced slightly for its sixth rise in a row today. Trading again was heavy.

The market was a little lower and active at the opening. It turned mixed around noon. Prices went substantially higher in afternoon trading, but lost most of their advance in the final thirty minutes.

Improvement in steel trade expected

New York, Jan. 25. March promises to be the first month to bring any substantial improvement in steel business in more than a year, Iron Age magazine said today.

The metalworking weekly said a March rebound will depend on a turn around in present car industry orders.

The current market is a stand-off, the trade paper said, as improvements in orders from general steel users have been offset by severe cutbacks from the car industry. If it were not for the bad news from Detroit, the magazine added, January orders would show a substantial pickup.

New orders were placed last week by Detroit for March, Iron Age said. Much of the set back tonnage has been booked for March and the rate of ordering for the month looks better than in the two previous months.

—UPI.

Textile market

New York, Jan. 25. The cotton textile market displayed a steadier tone today.

Activity involved largely spot selling of cloth but mills noted a broader interest in forward goods from a number of converters.

According to market reports, one or two mills said for quantities of the popular 80 square print cloth for deliveries through the balance of the year.

Orders for wool goods were small. Prices were unchanged to higher of Australian wool auctions and up at the South African sales. Spot business predominated in the synthetic fabrics market.—AP.

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R.M.S. "CHUSAN"

EMBARKATION: The ship will be berthed at No. 1 Pier, Kowloon Wharf. Passengers should embark between 2.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1961.

SALES: The ship is expected to sail at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1961.

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(Our Own Correspondent)

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IMPORTS RISE Britain's balance of payments gap widens

London, Jan. 25. "Sell or sink" and "export or die," two slogans designed to drive Britons harder in foreign markets, helped to bring about a 6 per cent increase in British exports in 1960, but a 14 per cent leap in imports easily outpaced this rise to add to the country's balance of payments worries.

Demerit of most restrictions on dollar trade means imports from the United States soaring 53 per cent above 1959's level while British shipments to

World rubber market

Singapore, Jan. 25. Overseas advances were disappointing and prices eased sharply at the opening on fairly general selling.

There was some shortcovering at lower level but conditions were quiet throughout the session.

Interest in lower sheet widespread though business restricted due to reserve of sellers.

Afternoon market was steady with prices rising to the day's high of 70 1/2 cents. Lower interest thinned out of lack of sellers at higher level.

In London, the rubber market was quietly steady with spot quoted at 60 1/2 cents.

In Amsterdam, the market was quietly steady.—UPI.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.53 1/2
Sterling (per £1) 15.85
Australian notes (per £1) 12.70
Indian Rupee (per 100) 2.26
Siam (per 100) 20.30
Singapore (Straits) 1.00

U.S. EXPORTS WILL SET ALL-TIME MARK, GROUP SAYS

New York, Jan. 25. The National Foreign Trade Council today predicted that American exports will hit an all-time high this year.

But the United States again will have a balance of payments deficit for the fourth straight year. The 1961 figure will be about \$1,900 million, the Council's Balance of Payments Group estimated. Sharp drop from 1960's \$3,200 million.

The group predicted the U.S. will export \$19,000 million worth of merchandise and import \$16,000 million worth.

The export figure will top the \$19,000 million record set in 1959 and estimated to have been equalled last year. The import total will be higher than in 1960 but will fall about \$200 million short of the \$15,000 million record set in 1959.

Last year's imports totalled \$14,000 million the group reported.

The estimates are "predicted" on an improvement in the level of business activity in the United States during 1961 and on reasonable stability in the price level. The Balance of Payments Group said.

The United States sagged by 10 per cent, passed by the sharp fall in car sales. Exports to Canada improved by 3 per cent against 1959.

In western Europe imports from the two European trading blocs increased in equal proportion while on the export front British sales to the six-nation Common Market and the seven strong European Free Trade Association were each up by 10 per cent.

British exports to Latin America increased more than the average and in the final quarter moved 10 per cent higher than a year earlier.

TOTAL EXPORTS

Total exports and re-exports in 1960 were worth \$2,677 million against imports valued at \$4,556 million, provisional figures from the Board of Trade showed today. They took no account of "invisible" like insurance, shipping, and banking earnings.

Exports held more or less level through the year but imports staged a continuous climb, although their rate of growth trailed off towards the close of 1960.

Imports of finished goods into Britain jumped by 38 per cent between 1959-60 and one-fifth of this increase was accounted for by the delivery of American-made airplanes.

British imports from the sterling area made one-third of all overseas purchases, but they accounted for one one-eighth of the total increase.

Imports from Australia fell by 11 per cent to a level 20 per cent below that of 1957, but there were increases in imports from most of the main sterling area countries including oil from the Persian Gulf, copper from Rhodesia, rubber from Malaya, jute from Pakistan and clothing and manufactured goods from Hongkong.—UPI.

The group estimated total U.S. foreign expenditures for the year at \$20,000 million and receipts at \$27,000 million.—UPI.

COMMODITY PRICES

COTTON

LIVERPOOL

Closing prices all in pence per lb.:

American Contract

Mar. 23.05
May 23.25
July 23.25
Oct. 23.25
Dec. 23.25

Mixed Contract

Mar. 23.30
May 23.30
July 23.30
Oct. 23.30
Dec. 23.30

RUBBER

SINGAPORE

Closing prices all in Straits cents per lb. f.o.b. Malayan port:

No. 1 Feb. 70 1/2-70 3/4
No. 2 Feb. 70 1/2-70 3/4
No. 3 Feb. 70 1/2-70 3/4
No. 4 Feb. 70 1/2-70 3/4
No. 5 Feb. 70 1/2-70 3/4
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Closing prices all in pence per lb.:

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LONDON STOCKS EASE

London, Jan. 25. Ministerial forecasts of tougher business conditions here brought out scattered selling on the stock market today, easing prices.

Minus marks were minor. Stores and textiles fell back while steels, tobacco, motors and engineering equities were dull. Few issues in the blue-chip group escaped the downward drift.

Gold shares remained mostly in the doldrums, although West Africans lost some ground on a move by the Ghana Government to keep marginal mines open.

Metals eased and oils steadied after small early declines. Teas were steady but rubbers softened.

Long and undated gilt edged securities lost further ground while foreign bonds were nearly idle.—UPI.

Closing prices

Consolidated—243-7/16
Savings—103/15-103/16
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Overseas Bonds

German (Dawson)—249 1/2
Japanese (Asahi)—249 1/2
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Banks & Insurance

Barclays—249 1/2
Chartered—249 1/2
Commercial Union—249 1/2
London & Lancashire—249 1/2
London & Lancashire—249 1/2

Oil

Burmah—249 1/2
Royal Dutch—249 1/2
Shell—249 1/2
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Steel & Engineering

Babcock—249 1/2
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Chemicals

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British shipyards living off old orders

London, Jan. 25. British shipyards are living off old orders, the Financial Times declared today.

Its shipping correspondent said: "The net inflow of new orders to the British shipbuilding industry over the last three years has represented only 40 per cent of the capacity of one year of U.K. shipyards."

"As a result the industry has been working off rapidly the order 'buffer' of previous years and its total order book has been more than halved over the 3-year period from 6,800,000 gross tons to 3,300,000 tons."

But the four-year-old depression in shipping has led to many of the contracts being postponed until there is a recovery in shipping freight rates and a large number of yards now have big gaps in their production schedules.—Reuter.

Clyde shipbuilding report

The 38,000-ton deadweight tanker Foyla the largest vessel built by Charles Connell & Co., Ltd., Scotstoun, Glasgow, has been on trials in the river Clyde.

She is for the Charter Shipping Co. Ltd. of Bermuda and is a turbine-driven vessel. Engineered by Barclay, Currie & Co. Ltd. of Glasgow, she has a capacity of 17,000 I.H.P. with a speed of 10 1/2 knots.

The Glasgow firm of Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. Ltd., shipbuilders and engineers, are just completing the re-erecting of the Belgian tanker Elise, built and engaged in Belgium. This vessel was sent to the Clyde for repairs as a result of a small contract which the Belgian firm of owners placed with Fairfields for gearings.

This business of carrying out repairs and installations in vessels built elsewhere is a new line but it is likely to be the feature of the Clyde this year. Fairfields will have just finished work on the Elise when the Finas America takes her place for engine repairs and new re-duction gearings.

Fairfields have been supplying gearings to a number of sources including the United States Navy.—LPS.

Hint of speed-up in shipbuilding

A hint that ships might be built and launched within a month and completed within another two months was given by Mr Cyril Thompson, chairman of Joseph L. Thompson and Sons Ltd., Sunderland, at the recent launching of the 11,460 tons cargo liner St Rosario.

He said she had been ordered by South American Santa Line of Cardiff and had taken three and a half months to build. "When we consider that it has been the wettest winter for fifty years and the Christmas and New Year holidays are included, I think it is a tribute to workmen and officials."

"With new methods I do not see why we should not build them in a month, and finish them in another two months," he stated.

The St Rosario was the first ship to be launched on the River Wear this year and was named by the Hon. Jessica Scott-Ellis, the 19-year-old daughter of the chairman of the owners. It is the first Thompson-built ship to be fitted with the new Doxford "P" type engine and will trade between the United Kingdom and South America.—LPS.

Kelvin diesels for Germany

The first Kelvin diesel engines ordered for use in Germany on barges have been sent out from the Scottish engine works of the Bergius Co., Ltd., of Glasgow.

This firm is to supply 24 of their T-11 models rated at 240 s.h.p. and the first eight have already been sent out. The firm have also received an order for 10 diesel engines with a rating of 180 s.h.p. for Japan.—LPS.

Aluminium features of trawler's fishroom

A feature of a 127 ft. (O.A.) motor trawler Winmarleigh recently completed at the south of England yard of Vosper Ltd., Portsmouth, for the east coast firm, Fleetwood Near Water Trawlers Ltd., is the use of aluminium for the pound boards, shelf boards and fishroom stanchions.

Although now recognised as fairly common practice, special care has been taken in this ship in the selection of the extruded sections for the various parts of the structure and in their arrangement within the fishroom.

The length of the fishroom is 36 ft., the capacity 7,400 cubic ft., and the greatest height from tank top plating to the deck is 12 ft. There are four rows of eight pillars each, and a total of 48 pounds, together with the ice pound at the extreme forward end. Apart from two complete bays at the aft and for bulk stowage, all the fish pounds are fitted for closed spaced shelving, the rest angles being supported by cleats attached to the stanchions. All boards are 3 ft. 9 in. in length.

The stanchions are of a hollow design with tapered jaws (a feature that makes possible a reduction in weight and cost) and are fitted at their heads and heels with solid aluminium plugs which in turn are bolted to steel palms, with non-metallic inserts and washers, this being the best safeguard against galvanic action at these places. The cleats, designed to suit the stanchion sections and to allow easy cleaning, are attached by welding.

Djakarta hit by floods

SHORTAGE OF RICE AND MEAT

Djakarta, Jan. 25. Rice and meat have gone into short supply in Djakarta, as floodwaters continue to wash away thousands of acres of west Java paddy land, and rip out communications.

Heavy rains appeared to be easing off at the end of last week, but meteorological experts have warned that more may be expected in the near future.

Man kills family and self

New York, Jan. 25. A young father apparently killed his wife and two children and then committed suicide today, state police said.

The victims were identified as David J. Swinley, 31, his wife, Phyllis, 27, and two children, Kathleen, 12, and Scott, 10.

The bodies of Swinley and his son were found hanging from rafters in the basement of the home. Mrs. Swinley and her daughter were found stabbed and strangled in their first-floor bedrooms, according to state police.—UPI.

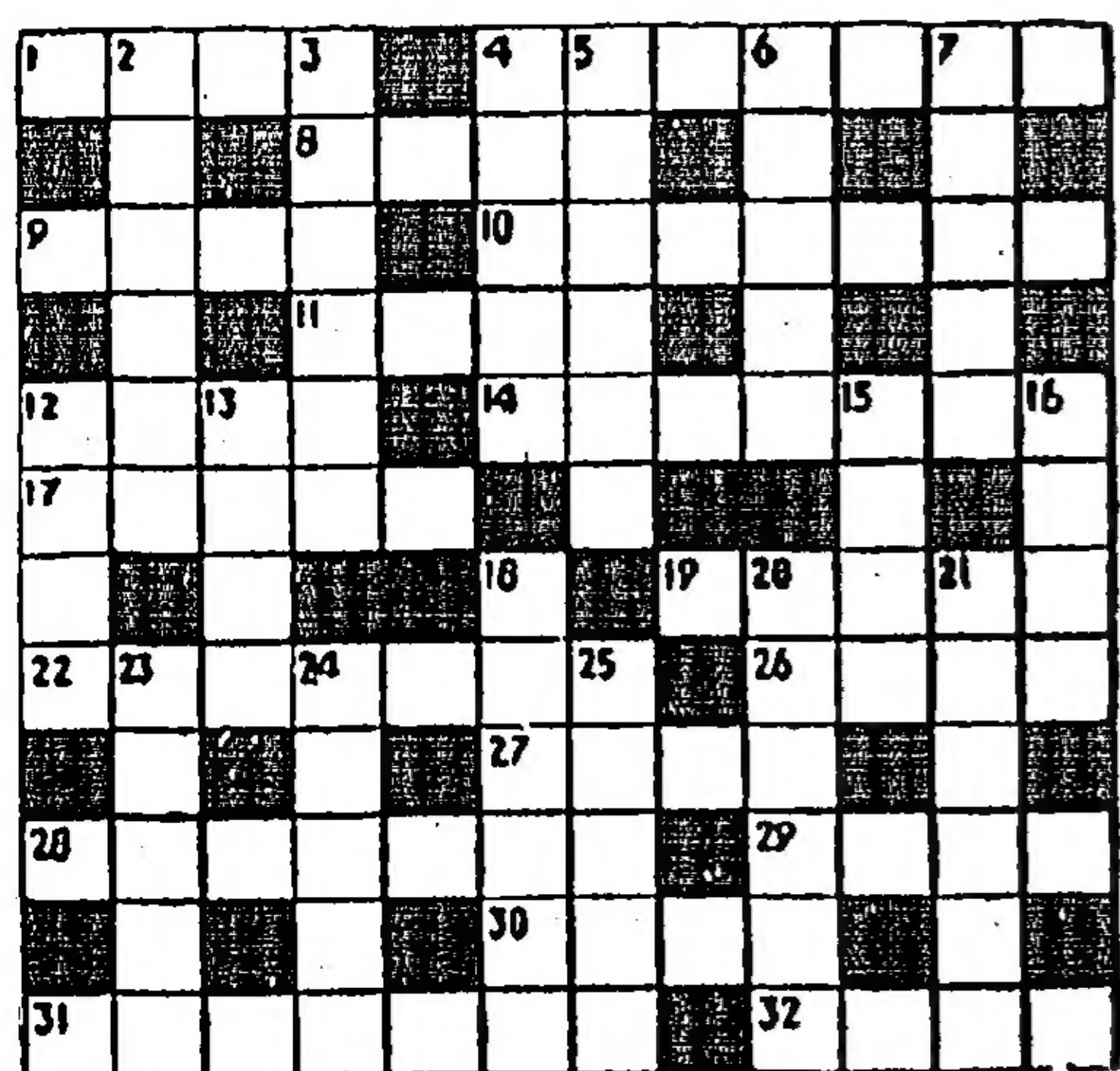
Egyptian-Israeli border clash

Tel Aviv, Jan. 25. One Egyptian was killed today when an armed Arab band opened fire on an Israeli patrol near the Israeli-Egyptian border, an Israeli military spokesman stated.

The incident, the first after a long border lull, occurred when the Egyptian band was detected in the hill district of Israel's southern Negev region, attempting to cross the Sinai border into Egypt.

When challenged, the Arabs opened fire, the spokesman said.—AP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Kles Gregory? (4)
 - 4 Motorised toy, perhaps. (7)
 - 8 Two prepositions for one. (4)
 - 9 She's no catch! (4)
 - 10 Seat for a Turk. (7)
 - 11 Trading centre. (4)
 - 12 The golfer's goal. (4)
 - 14 Demureness. (7)
 - 17 Address an audience. (5)
 - 19 Material to throw away? (5)
 - 22 Democratic possession. (7)
 - 23 Communist party members. (4)
 - 27 Sheet in a window. (4)
 - 28 Thoroughly rotten. (7)
 - 30 Complaint that shakes you? (4)
 - 31 They may slip through your fingers. (4)
 - 32 Irons into which some were clapped. (7)
- DOWN**
- 2 Important person on paper. (6)
 - 3 Fate seen on stage. (6)
 - 4 Start thundering? (5)
 - 5 Henry or Billy. (6)
 - 6 Some of that seaside air? (5)
 - 7 Just so. (5)
 - 12 It may be cloven. (4)
 - 13 Pacific route? (4)
 - 15 No doubt. (4)
 - 16 Canine cries. (4)
 - 18 Robot policeman? (6)
 - 20 May be pressed in or out. (6)
 - 21 Set just right. (6)
 - 24 French river department. (5)
 - 25 White heron. (6)
 - 26 Finishes the game. (5)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Mucal, 5 Ready, 8 Raced, 9 Grebe, 10 Gulch, 11 Apple, 12 Zulu, 13 Mute, 14 Eider, 15 Nansen, 16 Eager, 17 Beta, 18 Rabel, 19 Bera, 20 Berman, 21 Toner, 22 Bled, 23 Denser, 24 Down, 1 Magazine, 2 Stirling, 3 Area, 4 Tangle, 5 Regiment, 6 Educator, 7 Quot, 8 Attempt, 9 Blatant, 10 Enraged, 11 Devised, 12 Sprat, 13 Ascot, 14 Dale.

Leading lawyer stabbed to death

Algiers, Jan. 25. Maitre Pierre Pople, 32-year-old leading European liberal and Algerian lawyer, was stabbed to death today.

His body was found in his office near the Palais de Justice in central Algiers, with eight knife wounds in the heart.

Although Maitre Pople had been threatened repeatedly by extremists right-wing Europeans and was under police protection, there was no immediate indication whether the murder was political.

Some police sources, experienced in investigating terrorist crimes in Algeria, believed that eight knife wounds indicated a Muslim rather than a European killer.

Maitre Pople qualified in law at Algiers University and was president of the Catholic Students Federation.

He had defended Muslim nationalists since the insurrection against French rule broke out six years ago. On occasions he defended Communists, but he also represented Mr. Alain de Serigny, former editor of the European settlers' newspapers, Echo d'Alger, in legal cases.

Mr. De Serigny is among the accused in the "Algiers plot" trial in Paris.—Reuter.

Royal Family attacked over tiger

London, Jan. 25. A front page editorial in the Daily Mirror today sharply criticised the shooting of a tiger by the Duke of Edinburgh and described this as a "jarring episode" at the beginning of an important Commonwealth tour by the Royal couple.

This independent left-wing newspaper was commenting on the event which took place in India yesterday and said that the Royal Family must realise that millions of Britons regard the killing of animals and birds with disgust.

In the editorial headed, "The Prince and the Tiger" and which covered the entire front-page, the Daily Mirror declared:

"Prince Philip has shot his tiger. Not face to face. In fact, the Prince shot the tiger from a platform up a tree.

"It happened yesterday in India in the Rajasthan jungle near Jaipur.

Happy

"The Maharajah of Jaipur and his four sons are happy. Prince Philip must be pleased.

"But is there anything to be pleased about in this unhappy episode? Or does it illustrate again the huge gap between the hunting and shooting habits of the Royal Family and the feel-

SHE MADE A BIG SPLASH

Montevideo, Jan. 25. French film actress Elianne D'Almeida made a big splash yesterday at Punta Del Este when she tried to shake off a string of photographers by diving into a swimming pool.

The striking brunette had attracted a crowd of photographers when she was seen entering the Canelle Country Club in an abbreviated version of the bikini.

UNDOING

Attempting to escape the popping flashbulbs she dived into the club's pool. However, this proved to be her undoing: the top piece of her swim suit was left floating on the calm water.

She quickly recovered, climbed out of the pool and deftly slipped an overly-eager photographer.

Miss D'Almeida is currently attending a film festival held at Punta Del Este, a seaside resort 100 miles east of Montevideo, Uruguay.—AP.

Vanguards, Viscounts replace Comets

London, Jan. 25. Vanguard and Viscount airliners took over today from Comet four-B's on four of five scheduled British European Airways flights from London Airport to Europe.

Four of BEA's Comets were taken out of service yesterday because of faulty hinge brackets on the wing flaps.

A corporation spokesman said Vanguards would operate the Nice and Zurich services and Viscounts would fly to Copenhagen and Frankfurt. One Comet would fly to the Mediterranean.—China Mail Special.

Gambia workers strike

Bathurst, Jan. 25. Police used tear gas and batons to break up a crowd of strikers who forced their way into the Marine Department here today and attacked members of the permanent staff with sticks.

The fight followed a procession through the streets by daily-paid workers called out on strike by

the Gambia Workers Union yesterday without formal notice of the cause of the dispute. Basic wages for Gambia workers were recently increased 50 per cent.

The acting Governor, Mr. K. G. B. Smith, had issued an order empowering the police to prohibit processions. After today's incident at the Marine

Department the union leader, Mr. J. Jallow, was detained by police.

Work on loading the groundnut crop on ships for export was at a standstill today, but essential services were not affected and calm was reported in Bathurst and elsewhere in the British protectorate.—Reuter.

MAN DIES AFTER HACKING WIFE

Shenandoah, Jan. 25. A retired coal miner struck his wife over the head with an axe twice today. She survived but he died of a heart seizure.

Stanley Baranowski, 70, attacked his wife, Dora, 72, as she slept in an upstairs bedroom. She ran for help next door, police found Baranowski dead, the blood stained axe in his hand. Mrs. Baranowski was treated for head wounds.—AP.

Fund to aid wild animals

Nairobi, Jan. 25. A British manufacturer has given £10,000 to a "water for wild animals" fund to enable water to be piped to big game animals in Kenya's Tsavo National Park.

Mr. Mervyn Cowie, Director of National Parks in Kenya, said the money had been given by Mr. H. V. Bonar of the British firm of Low and Bonar, jute manufacturers.

OVERGRAZING

Mr. Bonar had read in a British newspaper of rhinos dying of starvation in the Tsavo National Park through overgrazing.

Mr. Cowie said Mr. Bonar's contribution was one of many and would enable an immediate start to be made. The amount so far collected totalled £10,000 but the minimum target was £100,000.—China Mail Special.

Surprising reaction

New York, Jan. 25. A dairyman for the University of Maine wondered today if films would help keep cows more contented during the winter months they spend in the barn.

Ralph A. Corbett said a group of farmers set up films in a barn yesterday and got a surprising reaction from the cows.

They mooed at the sight of alfalfa fields and mooed even louder when bulls appeared on the film, Corbett said.—AP.

Changed times

New York, Jan. 25. The Bermuda Car Rental Corporation advertises that it has provided uniformed chauffeurs and limousines to New York's most distinguished families for 20 years.

Driver Alfred Capezza wondered today how distinguished the passenger he picked up yesterday was. His rider held him up at pistol point and locked him in the boot.—UPI.

Practical joker

New York, Jan. 25. Firemen were called out yesterday to douse a blaze in a fire hydrant. A practical joker had wrapped the hydrant with kerosene-soaked blankets and set it afire.—UPI.

Not awed

Chicago, Jan. 25. Burglars yesterday opened a front door and stole \$70 from James Tragos' restaurant, next door to Central Police Headquarters.—UPI.

Errol Flynn's widow asks dismissal of damage suit

New York, Jan. 25. The widow of Errol Flynn asked the Supreme Court today to dismiss a \$5 million damage suit brought against his estate by Beverly Aadland, who charged the late actor with introducing her into an "immoral life of debauchery."

Lawyers for Mrs. Patricia Wymore Flynn contended that the action brought by the young Miss Aadland, one-time companion of the veteran actor, is outlawed by the abolition of breach of promise actions.

The abolition laws were enacted in 1935 and, the lawyers argue, they also eliminated actions for "seduction" which they contend is the basis of Miss Aadland's suit. State Supreme Court Justice Samuel H. Hofstadter reserved decision.

'IMPRESSONABLE'

In her complaint Miss Aadland said she met Flynn in 1937, when he was about 50 years old and she was 15 and "impressionable."

She said the actor led her into a "frenzied life of wild parties, subjected her to immoral debauchery and sex orgies and taught her a low, wanton and wayward way of life."

Mrs. Flynn's lawyers said that since Miss Aadland does not claim that Flynn used any force to induce her into a corrupt life, "we can conclude that Miss Aadland entered upon a course of conduct she knew to be morally wrong."

"The complaint is predicated upon the assumption that Miss Aadland had moral character which was subject to being impaired. Accordingly, we are entitled to assume that she knew the difference between right and wrong at the time."

Belgians go to polls in March

Brussels, Jan. 25. Belgians will go to polls in March—if possible before the Easter holiday, Mr. Rogor Motz, President of the Liberal Party, told reporters tonight.

After a meeting with Mr. Gaston Eyskens, Catholic Prime Minister, and Mr. Theo Lefevre, Catholic Party president, during which the move was decided, Mr. Motz told reporters it was agreed new elections should be held as soon as possible—perhaps on March 26.

The elections will be held after the Senate has adopted the governments post-Congo austerity bill, "La Loi Unique," the spark that ignited a five-week strike which ended only this week.—Reuter.

Houseboy runs amok

Manila, Jan. 25. A houseboy ran amok today, shooting and wounding another houseboy and terrorising a whole neighbourhood for 30 minutes before blowing his head off with a stolen shotgun.—Reuter.

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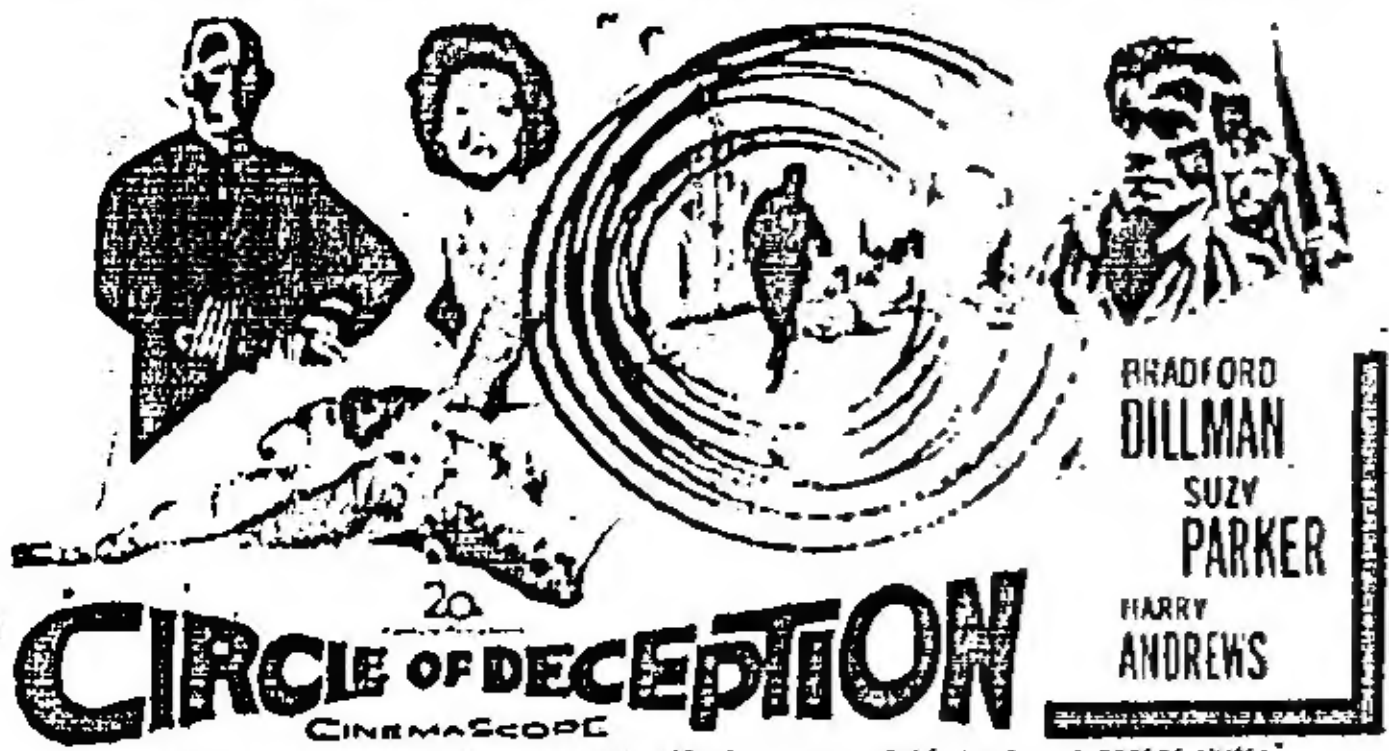
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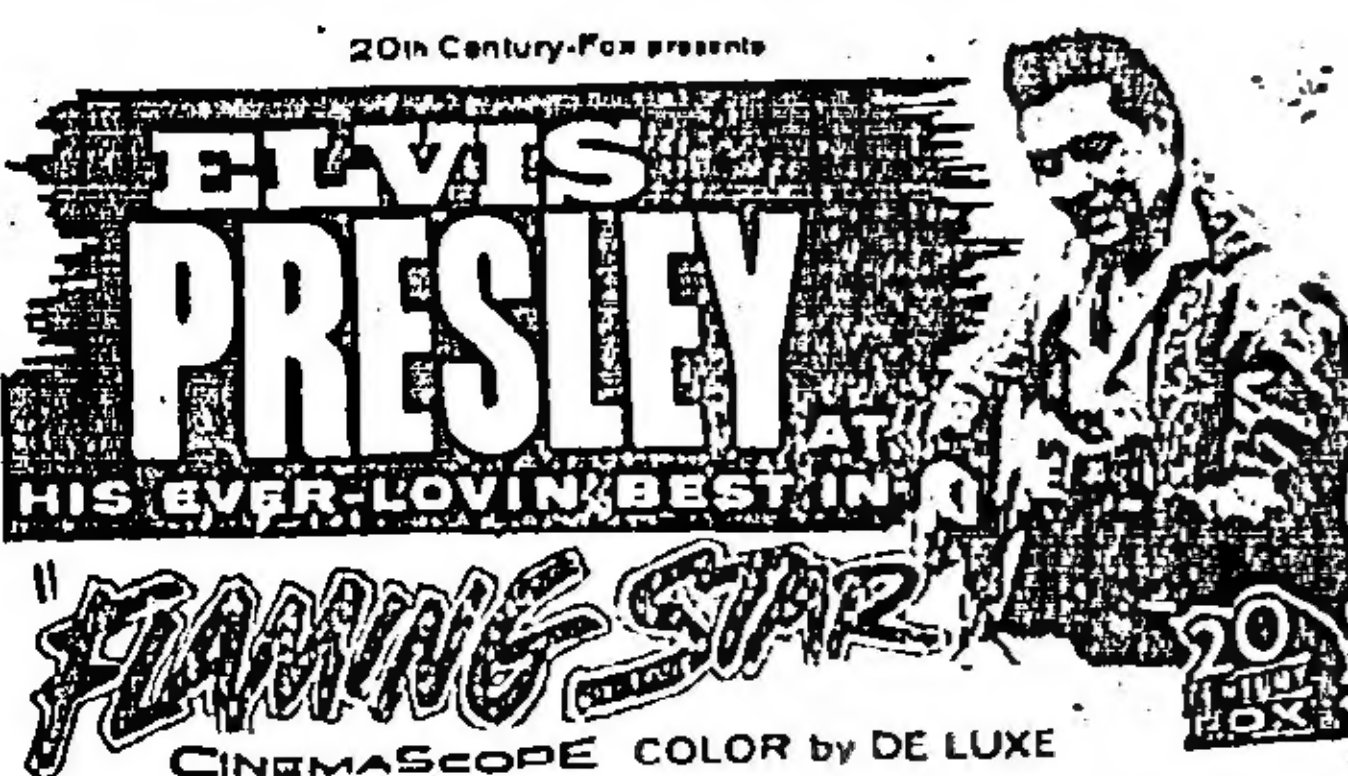
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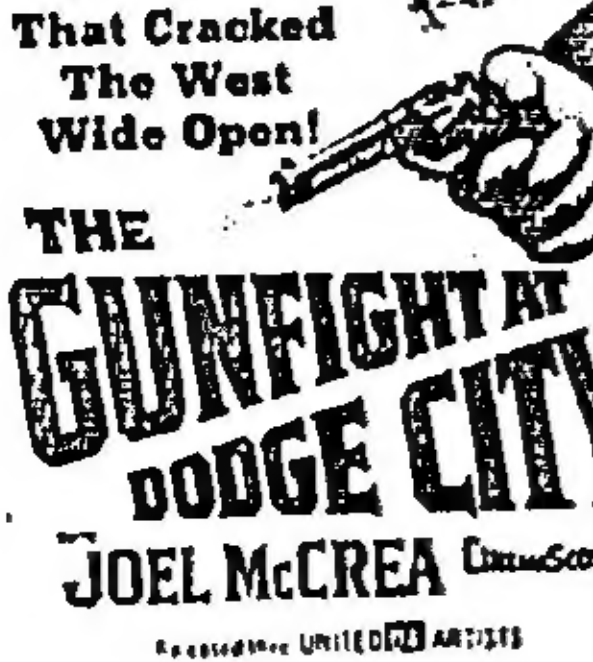
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Thompson and Odhams groups

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London, Jan. 25.
The most powerful concentration in the British press came into being today with the announcement that the Thompson Group of publications will merge with the Odhams Group.

Prominent
Indians
stop over

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation in India, Mr. Ahmed Mohiuddin, the Secretary of the Indian Ministry of Transport and Communication, Mr. M. M. Philip, and the Japanese Ambassador to India, Dr. Shiroshi Nasu were among the many prominent Indian guests who stayed in Hongkong for 45 minutes this morning en route to Tokyo.

The guests arrived by the Air-India jetliner Nanda Devi. They were invited on the trip by Air-India on the occasion of the inauguration of the airline's Beijing-Hongkong powered 707 services between London and Tokyo via Hongkong and Bombay.

Other prominent Indian guests who also spent some time at Kai Tak airport included Mr. P. A. Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India and Mr. W. V. Ponnell, of the South China Morning Post and Mrs. P. L. Craig, of Dodwell's travel department.

Two guests of Air-India who came from London disembarked in Hongkong. They were Mrs. F. Wise and Mrs. M. Mitchell. Both are travel agents in London.

This transaction, most recent of a series of mergers in the British press over the last two years, is to be carried out through an exchange of shares. Odhams is to become a holding company.

Following announcement of the deal, Odhams shares rose on the market by a total of almost £2 million. The Odhams group publishes the newspaper, Daily Herald (Labour), the Sunday newspaper, The People, and is the biggest European publisher of women's magazines, weeklies and technical reviews. It recently purchased the Hulton Group.

The Thompson group, headed by Canadian millionaire Sir Roy Thompson, owns the Sunday Times (Conservative) and a chain of provincial newspapers, (four morning dailies, seven evening dailies and numerous weeklies).

The new group, to be called "Thompson-Odhams", has a capital of £66 million. Chairman of the new company was to be Thompson himself, and the vice-chairman would be Sir Christopher Channon, Chairman of the Odhams board of directors and former Director, General of Reuters News Agency.

Thompson and his family were to exchange their shares in the Thompson Group—all the ordinary deferred stock and 25 per cent of the preference shares—for shares in "Thompson-Odhams".

The new group intended to allow its different subsidiaries to continue their independent existence.

Both the Labour Daily Herald and the Sunday Times, considered the most orthodox conservative newspaper in Britain, were to continue their traditional editorial policies.

A 47-year-old unemployed man who claimed he stole because he wanted "to commit suicide" was jailed for two weeks by central Magistrate Mr. Derek Cons this morning. Asked why he had to steal to kill himself, "I want to get money to buy lysol because when I wanted to jump to death, someone stopped me," he replied.

The man, Leung Chak-lee, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to stealing \$7 worth of Chinese metal ornaments from a marine hawk on Tuesday.

Astor Theatre

NEXT CHANGE



BELINDA LEE

SHE WALKS BY NIGHT



NEXT CHANGE "The Wonderful Country"

SAFETY DEVICE
FOR QUEEN'S
AIRCRAFT

London, Jan. 25.
An airline engineer flew from London to New Delhi today to put a safety device in the Britannia aircraft carrying the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their Asian tour.

Boac acted after a Britannia had trouble lowering its nose wheel on landing in London on Monday. A "minor mechanical modification" was devised and ordered installed on all Britannias.

"It was felt desirable to send an engineer to India," Boac said, "as the royal aircraft will not be returning to London for several weeks."—AP.

ALL THE
CHURCHES
MEET
AT MASS

London, Jan. 25.
Clergy from five Anglican churches, non-conformist ministers, and members of their congregations attended solemn High Mass at a Roman Catholic church recently.

A spokesman for the Church Times said: "There has never been a service like this before in England."

The service, at Slough, was part of the Christian Unity Week. The idea came from the Church of England rector of Slough, the Rev. Eric Perkins, who said he approached the Roman Catholics because he knew they might be in a difficult position over attending any other church.

Protest
Father J. Mossey, Roman Catholic rural dean, said: "I am delighted that this has come about. I'd say that even ten years ago it would have been impossible to hold a service of this nature."

He said: "I feel a demonstration might serve some useful purpose, but time may be too short to organise one. I will contact members of my committee as a matter of urgency."

Footnote: Christian Unity Week began on January 18 and ended on January 25. At Stockton-on-Tees and Twickenham Church of England members attended Roman Catholic services... but nowhere does co-operation compare with that at Slough.

Tankers
collide

London, Jan. 25.

The 2,491-ton Soviet freighter Mogilev and the 856-ton British coastal tanker Esso Lyndhurst collided today just inside the entrance of Poole Harbour.

There were no casualties. The Soviet steamer, the largest ever to visit this Dorset port, returned to her berth at Poole Quay. Apparently she suffered only superficial damage.

The Esso Lyndhurst's plates were buckled and she began leaking oil. A tug took her in tow to an anchorage off Brownsea Island and a sister ship, Esso Hythe, pumped her cargo out of her.—AP.

Father suffers
for daughter's
insult

A 31-year-old sampan woman who struck a 41-year-old man on the head with a bamboo pole because his daughter insulted her daughter, was fined \$50 by Central Magistrate Mr. Derek Cons this morning.

The woman, Cheung Tai-kan, housewife, living on a sampan, at Deep Water Bay pleaded guilty.

Complainant Po Cho-yuen, also a junkman, spent four days in hospital as a result of the blow.

Another
good
year for
vegetables

For the second year in succession, New Territories farmers produced big vegetable crops last year, almost doubling the 1951 output.

The total output, as sold through the Vegetable Marketing Organisation last year, came up to 1,498,000 piculs of all vegetables excluding those consumed by the NT residents themselves.

The figure is slightly short of the record of 1950, which stood at 1,507,000 piculs, because of typhoon May and disastrous floods last year.

Both figures, however, are almost three times the 1951 total which was 600,000 piculs.

INCENTIVE
Mr. I. Petersen, Marketing Officer of the Vegetable Marketing Organisation, attributed the increase in output to the greater economic incentive made possible for the farmers through the co-operative movement which is eliminating more and more middlemen.

Also the wholesale marketing system has a tendency to stabilize prices, making farmers less susceptible to losses through sudden price drops, he added.

Mr. R. R. Mason, Agricultural Officer of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department, said another factor contributing to the growth in vegetable output was that it was more profitable to grow vegetables than rice, so more and more farmers were changing over.

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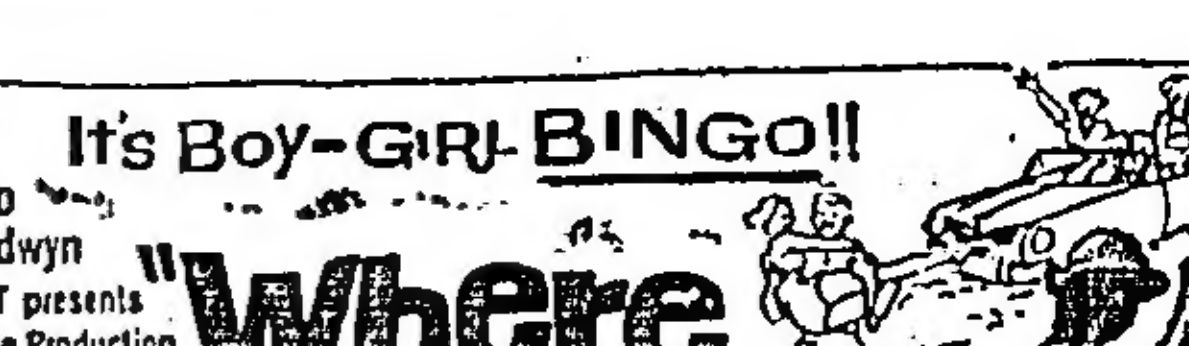
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"BUT LET'S BE SERIOUS, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO COME BACK TO ENGLAND WITH ME? YOU'RE NOT AFRAID?"
"SO AM I!"
"BROKER YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL."
"VERY, I AM AFRAID, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS YOU, I THINK YOU WOULD."

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As France plans a new atom blast Chapman Pincher explodes myth that everyone can make the bomb

MR NEHRU claims that India could produce atomic weapons within the next few years, but will refrain from doing so for high-flown moral reasons.

With French help, Israel is secretly putting up plant capable of producing atomic bomb explosive.

France herself has exploded three nuclear devices and now plans a fourth.

Red China is reported to be planning the explosion of a nuclear bomb this year or next.

But do any of these developments really portend a sudden rush of new atomic Powers to

threaten the peace of the world, as so many Jeremiahs claim?

From what I know of the British atom weapons project and its 13-year struggle with technical and financial difficulties, I am convinced that the U.S., Britain, and Russia will retain the monopoly of being atomic Powers in the realistic sense for the next five years at least, and, with the possible exception of France, for the next ten.

In spite of the widespread dispersion of atomic knowledge which was formerly secret, the technical problems of making atomic weapons in meaningful quantities are still enormous and the cost is colossal.

On top of this comes the even bigger cost of building and maintaining the bombers or rockets to carry the weapons—

producing a total which even France may eventually find prohibitive.

Confirmation

For confirmation of these beliefs I went to Sir Frederick Brundrett, who knows most about the problems Britain had to solve in becoming an atomic Power.

As chief or deputy chief of defence for nine years before he retired a year ago, Sir Frederick was intimately concerned with the production of the bombs and the means of delivering them.

After talking with him in his London club recently I can list these outstanding difficulties which faced Britain and will face every would-be atomic

Power in the foreseeable future:

1 THE BUILD-UP of the pool of extremely specialised skill in an age when there is a world shortage of scientists and engineers takes many years. Without basic research and development, the complex factories and machines to produce the weapons cannot even be designed.

2 THE COST of the necessary plant once it has been designed is immense. Britain's military atom plant cost at least £500 million to build and operate. I estimate that more than £100 million was spent in producing nuclear bombs last year.

Improved techniques have cut some operating costs, but these reductions have been more than outweighed by the

increased cost of labour and materials.

General de Gaulle's atomic gesture of defiance is estimated to cost £400 million by 1962. This does not include developing and producing H-bombs, without which a nation can hardly call itself a full-fledged nuclear Power.

The place

3 FINDING a place to test experimental nuclear devices is astonishingly difficult. Even with a vast Empire, Britain was still hard pressed to find a place for testing atom-bombs. After much local opposition the Australians agreed to the use of their central desert for testing small-yield bombs. For the H-bomb Britain had to

go to Christmas Island in the Pacific at enormous inconvenience and cost.

I estimate that tests alone have cost Britain £15,000,000.

The cost

4 THE BRITISH bomber force, providing just over 100 aircraft, has cost at least £600 million. And rockets would be even costlier.

Britain tried to develop the Blue Streak rocket at an estimated cost of £600 million. After £100 million had gone the Government decided the cost was crippling and cancelled the project.

All this means that to provide the existing atomic stockpile, and the means of delivering it,

British taxpayers have forked out more than £1,315 million.

Could India possibly afford such a sum? Could China?

At tremendous sacrifice Russia became an effective atomic Power in 10 years. But Russia at least had an established industrial and scientific background to build on.

China must start these first. These arguments would not hold if the Americans and Russians were willing to help their allies by providing atomic know-how and rockets. But I see slight possibility that they will do so.

The U.S. resolutely refuses to give even de Gaulle atomic or military rocket secrets. Sir Harold Caccia, the British Ambassador in Washington, had to give the Americans an as-

surance that no military secrets of Blue Streak would be given to the French scientists who visited Britain recently for talks.

Clearly there is evidence that the Russians are not sharing their military atomic secrets with China.

A long way

In the light of all these facts Sir Frederick Brundrett agrees with me that the emergence of other Powers with actual atomic weapons is a long way off.

If China is an H-bomb Power in 10 years she will be doing well. And India could not become a military atomic Power of any kind in less than 20.

—(London Express Service.)

THEY DANCED, THEY TWISTED, THEY GROVELLED
AND THEY MOANED

The weird exiles who shook a capital

TENSELY the dancers waited in their neat, clean dormitories for the evening's great event to begin. Then the bell sounded and they trooped on tip-toe to the great hall.

Soon their leader gave the word. The pulsing music began. The ranks of men and women weaved in and out. They skipped; they glided.

It might have been a contest of formation dancing teams under Victor Silvester. But the conductor did not behave in Silvester style. Suddenly he shouted: "God is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. There is sin committed and covered among you."

In horror the dancers listened while he explained that one of the young women dancing had actually been looking at a male spectator. He quoted, "Who soever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Promptly, among the hushed dancers, a young woman fell to her knees, confessed that she was the sinner, and begged forgiveness.

The hall was not a Palais de Danse but a place of worship used by a remarkable religious community—the Shakers.

I have been reading about the Shakers in a fascinating new book **THOMAS BROWN AND THE ANGELS** by John Symonds (Hutchinson, 21s.).

With quiet irony Symonds traces their history back to a house near the Tower of London in the time of Queen Anne.

There a small group of Protestant refugees from persecution in France was taken by a strange new fit of religious fervour. From time to time they began to spin round like tops until they fell to the ground heaving and twitching. Between twitches they would roar and gabble prophecies, often in unknown tongues.

MOVED

Crowds soon came to watch these alarming French prophecies. As a spectacle it made a nice change from an afternoon watching hangings at Tyburn.

But among the gapers there were many who found themselves oddly moved and impressed. Somehow the thing caught on. Soon London was full of home-born prophets busily twitching and foretelling the Millennium and the downfall of all established religion. Symonds selects some splendid figures from the movement.

One was a rich Irish baronet, Sir Richard Bulkeley, a tiny, sickly misshapen man, who was told that the Holy Spirit, working through the London prophets, would heal him and straighten out his body.

On the grounds of economy, he decided therefore to take no more fittings from his tailor until the change had taken place. But poor Bulkeley was still as twisted at his death.

There was also a rich Englishman, John Lacy. Lacy was convulsed with involuntary groans and shakings. In a prophetic fit he found himself interrupting a service at St Paul's. He suffered persecution and imprisonment.

by **ROBERT PITMAN**

But there were compensations. Among Lacy's followers was a pretty young candle-snuffer from Covent Garden Theatre named Elizabeth Grey.

HIS ANSWER

Elizabeth too became a prophet. Once, at a prayer meeting at Bulkeley's house, the spirit moved her to strip off her clothes and to spend an hour beating her fists into the terrified, twisted face of little Bulkeley.

Lacy later left his wife to live with this fellow-prophet. When his religious-minded flock protested he issued a pamphlet entitled: *A Letter from John Lacy to Thomas Dutton, being Reasons why the former left his wife and took E. Grey a Prophetess to his Bed.*

It went into four editions. Even stranger was the affair of Dr Thomas Emes. Emes, a member of the movement, died in December 1707. But while Emes was dying, the spirit moved John Lacy to prophesy: "If I command thy Life away, yet I will restore it again."

When Emes died, the brethren were at first so confident of his revival that they did not bother to bury him. Squinting around him they eventually realised that burial was necessary, but they announced that Emes would rise again on May 25.

STARTLING

On May 25, 20,000 Londoners crowded round the grave of Emes in Bunhill Fields. But Emes failed to surface. Even though Bulkeley explained that he had been raised but "the mob says him not," the prophets in London were sadly disappointed.

Yet the seed planted near Tower Hill was still to bear its most startling fruit. For some of the prophets moved to Manchester, and there a little group of prophets who called themselves the Manchester Shakers.

These Shakers liked to shout and dance for sheer, God-given joy. Eventually, in their dancing, they were joined by a blacksmith's wife named Ann Lee.

Ann had given birth to four children, who all died. The fourth birth was so painful that she resolved that all procreation was wrong.

CONTACT

Other women have come to the same conclusion monastically, but Ann built it into her religious creed. She was spiritually transformed. And the Shakers—who had always interpreted Revelations as meaning

that Christ would return for His Second Coming as a woman—decided that Ann was the woman.

Yet, you may ask, what has all this to do with the title of the Symonds book—*Thomas Brown and the Angels*? The answer is that, from Manchester, Symonds leaps ahead nearly 30 years to the two stories of how a young American Methodist came into contact with the community which Ann Lee, emigrating with her friends from Manchester, later founded in the State of New York.

Using the writings which the Methodist, Thomas Brown, has left, Symonds lets us see the Shakers through Brown's eyes.

The year is 1788. Ann Lee is dead. But her work lives on. In a number of prosperous village settlements the Shakers are living according to the word of Mother Ann.

Young Brown decides to visit one of these settlements. He finds that the Shakers work hard. They share all things in common. The men and women live apart and no sexual contact is allowed—for the Shakers believe that the Millennium has already arrived; no more children are needed.

Above all, the Shakers shake. They dance, leap, and moan regularly as a matter of devotion.

Their way of life appeals to Brown enormously. The Shakers are wonderfully kind to him. They spend hours answering his queries. He believes that he has found spiritual freedom at last.

THE WORD

Slowly the Shakers draw Brown into their faith. One day he is shyly watching a Shaker dance when an elder murmurs in his ear: "Thomas, labour."

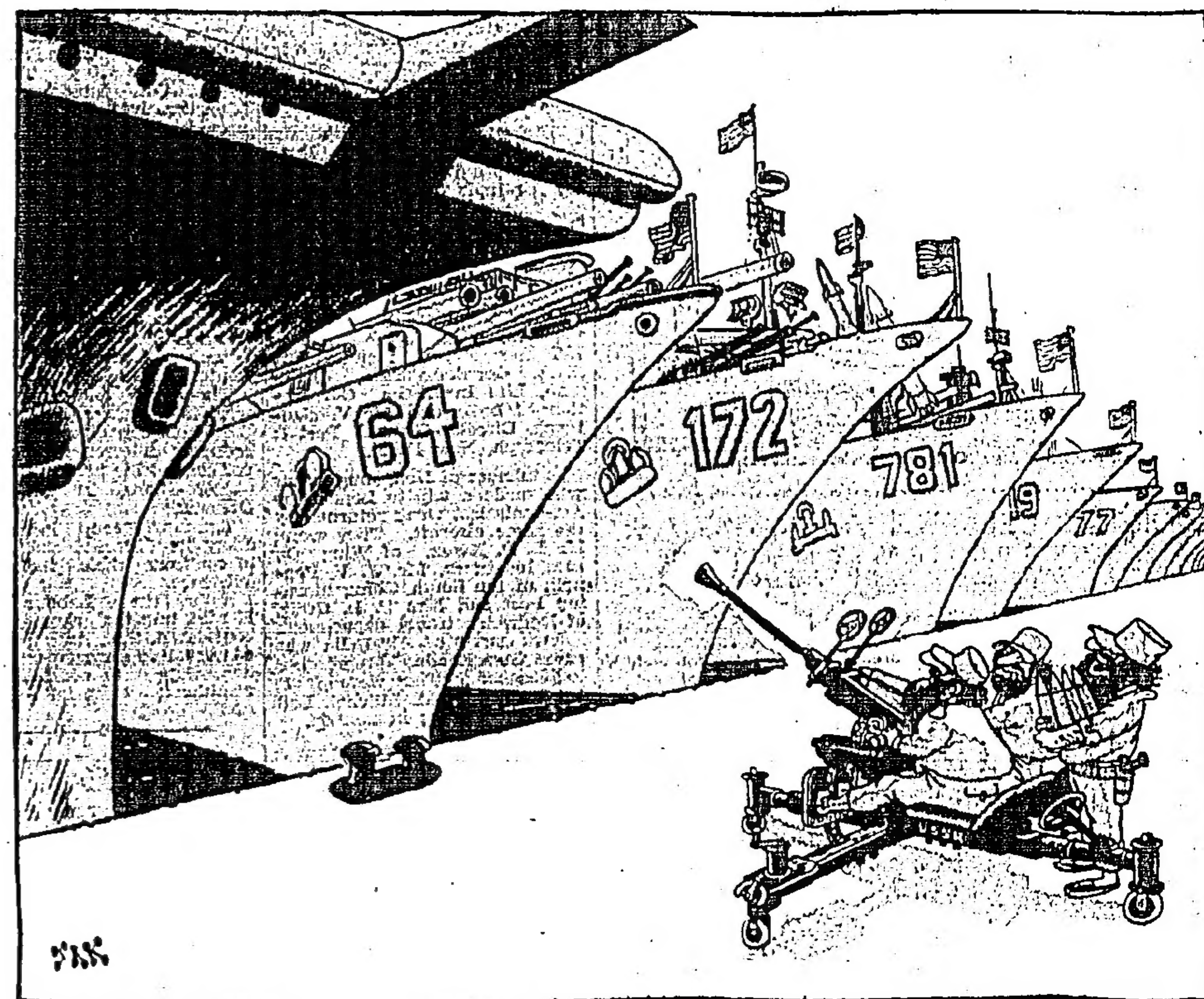
This is the Shaker word for their ecstatic dancing. He immediately proceeds to labour. Thus Brown gradually becomes a Shaker. He starts to share the Shaker belief that the rest of the world is damned. And at this point there is a dramatic change in the Shaker attitude. Brown is told: "Thomas, the gift from Elder Ebenezer is for you to confess your sins."

Brown—as Ebenezer knows—has already confessed the sins of his entire life several times over. But the elders insist and Brown realises that he has been sucked subtly into a miniature totalitarian State. If he refuses to obey the elders he will be expelled—and he now fears that expulsion will mean damnation too.

Such is the power of this book that we are immensely relieved when Brown, at the cost of spiritual agony, finally finds a pious excuse to tear himself away from the Shakers for ever. The excuse—his discovery that Mother Ann and her flock had once been in the habit of doing their labouring in the nude.

In modern eyes, however, the real objection to the Shakers might be the reverse of Brown's. Despite Mother Ann's strict dancing, Shaker puritanism was extreme. Symonds tells how three young Shaker women were once forced to whip each other as a punishment. Their sin: they had watched the courtship of two flies on a window pane.

—(London Express Service.)



"You're sure this thing does forty miles an hour in reverse?"

London Express Service

NEW YORK NEWSLETTER

TELL-TALE-TITS and poison pen fans can go to town. The Democratic mayor has asked everyone in this city who knows about graft and unethical practices to write to him personally at a special address—Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Post Office Box 100, New York City (8), New York. He promises to read all the letters himself.

This strange move, reminiscent of a police state, is unprecedented in the history of a town that has long lived cosily with corruption.

Now cynical commentators say that the tubby mayor is simply jostling for a third term in office.

Jaunty 51-year-old Bob Wagner has pleaded: "Please help keep our city morally clean by writing to me about the sanitation department's message to litter-bugs: 'Did You Help Keep New York Clean Today?'"

But Wagner is no original thinker or catchy phrase-maker. He is, however, an interesting character.

Warm way

He is about 5ft 8in tall and has bright eyes and a most warm way with people.

He does not speak well and he cannot be said to inspire immediate respect. He drinks. He likes corny jokes.

But this very ordinary little man when he stood for re-election in 1959 commanded the largest majority for mayor in New York's history.

He is long like most US politicians to be a senator, but no mayor of New York has ever passed on to higher office.

New York City Hall is traditionally known in this country as "the politicians' graveyard."

'Pause'

WHEN a recession is not exactly a true recession Wall Street hangs to find another name for it.

Now my financial friends tell me they have stumbled on the very name. And very pretty it is.

They call the present state of affairs a "pause at the peak."

This "pause" as we all know, has been a deeply serious one. There are more than a million new American cars in dealers' hands at this moment, which does not say much for the state of a country's economy. Wall Street is horoscope HQ hereabouts.

Every investment banker and stockbroker has theories on the coming economy of the country and they are usually six months ahead of the USA in their thinking—and not always right.

For the moment, they predict that things will be going fairly well by 1962 and they advise people to buy stocks which will come into their own at that time.

Shock from the mayor —an invitation to be an informer...

By **JEAN CAMPBELL**

NEW YORK.

Many Wall Streeters think that the market will still fall in the meantime.

Economically hard things like cars, refrigerators and washing machines have sold very badly since last May when the pause began.

But I am told that soft things like clothes, food and travel tickets have done splendidly.

Wall Streeters although traditionally staunch Republicans, are delighted with everything that President Kennedy has done to date and they do not think that he is going to do anything rash in the future.

They think the choice of his Cabinet showed both "audacity and imagination."

And they are, of course especially tickled to have Republican Dillon holding the Treasury till.

Wall Street likes to think of itself as "the one place left where man can pursue honour through risk."

Some, lucky members of the vast investment banking concerns have taken to collecting impressionist and modern paintings. "But," said a collector friend, "the frames I consider investments and the paintings but speculations."

Up-town now

PRESIDENT KENNEDY has given a sverve blow to the Waldorf Towers, which has always been the presidential HQ in New York.

He has shown preference for the up-town Carlyle Hotel,

where he was staying recently, some 20 blocks from the crowded business centre of the city. The Carlyle is a gay hotel decorated in bright colours and boasts two bars, one named after Bernheim the comic writer. However, the whis are not likely to interest the President, who rarely sips a daiquiri, although he delights in a glass of what he calls, in his Boston-Harvard-Cape Cod accent, "bass"—beer to us.

Protocol boss

ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE, heir to many of the Duke tobacco millions, has been appointed chief of protocol by the President.

Angier spent much of the war in the American army in England, where he made numerous friends among the mighty of our land.

Handsome and wiry, with a gentle charm, he is now married to a Spaniard named Lulu.

Angier is a dedicated Democrat and has earned a great civic reputation here as the president of the International Rescue Committee, which did much effective work after the Hungarian revolution.

Many people assumed that he would be given an important ambassadorship by Kennedy, but this new appointment will allow him to watch the machinations of home politics while he goes about his daily protocol business.

—(London Express Service.)

WOMANSENSE

ITALY SAYS 'THINK PINK'

by
Jane Rogers

WANT something witty and gay to wear around the house? Thinking of buying some new outfits for the beach or the barbecue? Then Italy is the place to find them.

But you don't need to take an airline ticket to Rome, the store buyers have done that for you. And before long all that is brightest and gayest in the Italian couture collections will be seen in your own shop windows.

Never before have so many stores sent their buyers to Italy for ideas—there were nearly 60 from Britain alone—and here are some of the things they are snapping up:

They're buying beach clothes: In dazzling rainbow stripes, oranges, yellows and mauves all mixed together on a plain white ground. This is sparking off a new trend for clothes in multi-colour-striped materials.

They're buying the Poncho, a new kind of beach wrap that is halfway between a cape and a bath-towel, can be worn belted at the waist like a dress. This particular fashion, like the stole, needs plenty of know-how to be worn properly.

They're buying pants, and plenty of them, made with that special Italian cut which owes nothing to men's trousers and flatters the female figure. They're even buying up a new, strange version of the culotte—a divided skirt with legs which are elasticated at the knees, and the weirdest jeans I have ever seen—they flare out below the calves like bell-bottomed trousers.

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Shorts come in a new length this year—half-way between a bikini and a Bermuda—and just at the time when the British sportswear designers have learned to make really short shorts.

They're buying anything gold—gold beach bags with matching hats, gold jewellery to weigh down our wrists, and sweaters with the gold chain-mail look.

They're buying up all the synthetics, now that they've been made into clothes with the customary Italian chic—tunics, evening gowns in nylon chiffon and knee-length sweaters in man-made gold and silver thread.

Most of all they're buying pink, for 'think pink' is the theme of the Italian collections so far. Emilio Pucci, who

makes the world's best play-clothes, has based his entire collection on pink in every shade from pale rose to purple. Another designer, Salomello, takes that fashion cliché, pink mixed with orange, and uses it for a series of tunic tops in printed silk.

Pink goes with pale sage green too, in Corra's pretty collection. A sage green coat has a pink lining, is partnered by a pink dress. Balmain mixes pink with a deeper apple green for play-suits made from silk. As far as Italy is concerned, pink is the colour for spring, this year.

Sad note for the over-25's—and by that I mean over 25-inch waistlines too. All the collections so far have been very young looking, and full of gimmicks that need a young face to carry them off. And when it comes to the shape underneath the couturiers, as one man, say it's going to be a slim, willowy look—so watch that waistline!

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Soon I'll be reporting on the London shows, and then I'm off to Paris for the biggest fashion-circus of all that starts with breakfast-time fashion shows, and ends with parades that go on until 11.30 at night. So look out for my news of the new shapes of 1961.

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DRIVEN to a frenzy, no doubt, by the gimmicks from Italy, one London fashion designer has brought out a coat which, she claims, you can wear as a dressing-gown at home, as a glamorous evening coat at the theatre.

Sad to say—and I've seen it—this particular garment looks like a dressing-gown at the theatre, and a theatre-coat around the house.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

TODAY's hand is given as an example of the difference between duplicate and rubber bridge. In a rubber bridge game South will see that he has a certain game and rubber if he plays a low spade from dummy and wins the first trick with his ace. Then he can take the club finesse without any worries. If it works he will make 12 tricks; if it loses, he will make only 11.

In duplicate, he has quite a problem. He will note first of all that if the club finesse is right he has 12 cold tricks at no-trump and his partner would have 12 equally cold tricks at clubs. So he will try to figure out if the slam will be bid in many places. Obviously, if he decides that the slam is going to be bid frequently he will play safe for his contract and hope that the club finesse won't work.

However, if he is an experienced player he will realise that the slam is not going to be bid by more than one team and that his bid at no-trump is going to be the normal contract.

Now his opening play becomes a toss-up. If he wants to play for an average score he

NORTH			
♠ Q32			
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♦ A J 10 8 7 6			
♣ A J			
EAST			
♠ 10 8 7 6			
♥ A Q 8 4			
♦ A 5 4			
♣ Q 9 4 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A 6			
♥ A Q 8 4			
♦ A 5 4			
♣ Q 9 4 2			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 7			

should play low from dummy and be safe. If he wants to gamble on a top he should note that the queen of spades play can only cost him if East holds both kings, and that the gambling play of the queen has a 75 per cent chance of success.

Rupert and the Purple Star—51



"Well, we really are getting on," grins Sam, as he ties a cloth over his bucket. "Now that electrified water can't splash you, we'll pack up and go." And you drive us straight home?" asks Rupert. "No, not quite," says Sam. "The dangerous part of the affair is over. Now for



Two budget-wise collons for summer, from the collection of Richard Grossmark.

LEFT: A dress with a flat-topping wide shawl collar, slim skirt and a trim mid-print in a fondant pink print on a white ground.

RIGHT: A dress and jacket in leaf-printed cotton, topaz on white the dress is short-sleeved, has a white pique vest.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Visit To The Big City

—Chirpie Sparrow Accepts His Cousin's Invitation—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Chirpie Sparrow, as he came to the window sill for his morning breadcrumbs, "I won't be seeing you for a day or two."

Hand, the shadow girl with the Turned About Name, who had put the crumbs out, had come to the window to watch Chirpie eat them.

"Why? Where are you going?"

"It's this way," said Chirpie. "I've got a cousin who lives in the middle of the city. And he invited me to come and spend a few days with him."

"Have a good time," Hand said.

So she waved to Chirpie and shut the window.

Two days later, Chirpie was back at the window sill again.

"Oh, hello there!" said Hand. "I'm glad to see you again, Chirpie. Did you visit your cousin?"

"Oh, yes," said Chirpie. "Did you have a good time?"

"Good and hungry," Chirpie said. "I didn't have any breadcrumbs."

Hand went and got a large portion of breadcrumbs. She spread them out on the window sill.

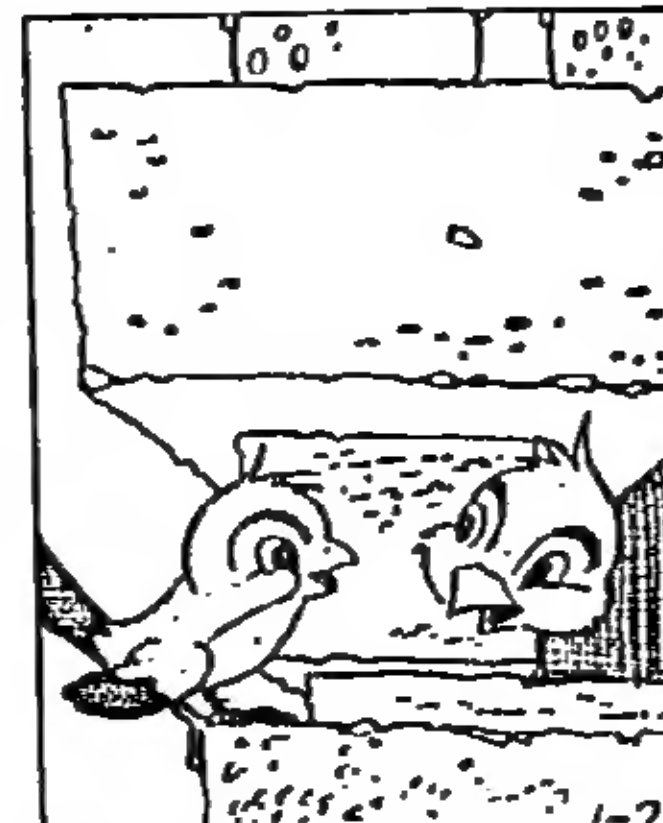
"Better eat first," she said to Chirpie. "Then you can tell me what happened."

For the next five minutes, Chirpie pecked and swallowed the breadcrumbs. Finally they were all gone. He wasn't hungry any more.

"All right," he said to Hand. "Now I'll tell you what happened."

"Start from the beginning," Hand said.

"Well," said Chirpie, "I got this invitation from my cousin, Butch Sparrow, who lives in the middle of the city. So I set out



Chirpie's cousin was very glad to see him.

bright and early and started flying to the place where he lived. Pretty soon I didn't see any more trees."

"No trees?" asked Hand.

"Just iron trees," said Chirpie, "with lights at the end of them."

"Those are lampposts," said Hand.

"Yes," said Chirpie. "And there were telephone poles, too. But there weren't any trees."

"As I flew along, I looked down. Instead of fields of daisies and buttercups and black-eyed Susans and brooks and ponds, I saw streets and automobiles and a big silver bridge over the river. I saw big, tall houses, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of them."

"And did your cousin Butch live in one of those houses?" Hand asked.

"My cousin Butch," said Chirpie, "lives in a space between two loose bricks in the chimney of one of those houses. He was very glad to see me. 'I bet you're hungry,' he said."

"I bet I am," I said. "What have you got to eat, Butch?"

"Dining out," said Butch. "We'll go out and get some food," said Butch.

"So out we went," said Hand.

"Where did you go?" asked Hand.

"We went to a big Square," said Chirpie. "Some people were throwing out crumbs. But it was a hard job getting enough to eat because there were dozens and dozens of other Sparrows as hungry as we were, and lots of hungry Pigeons as well."

"It was really hungry, when we went back to Butch's place later."

"We spent the rest of the time sitting on a clothes line, or flying over the roof tops or playing high up on the telephone wires. But it wasn't really fun. I'd much rather be here where I can see some trees and eat my breadcrumbs on a nice big window sill like this."

FASHION NEWS FOCUS by Barbara Griggs

The One Bare Shoulder

MY page this week takes a long cooling look at this summer, those halcyon days after the first suns have shone forth, after the last rains have stopped falling (if ever).

In photographic focus here—a fashion that is likely to make big 1961 news: the One-Bare-Shoulder Dress.

This delightful freak has respectable antecedents. Givenchy, always a trend-setter, has been showing One-Bare-Shoulder dresses for evening the last couple of collections; Gres, always an individualist worth watching, has had the same notion for six or seven dresses.

And the Americans, sharp eyes on both, have latched on to the thing now for beachwear.

California beaches this summer—and the decks of escapist yachts this winter—will be littered with one-piece swimsuits curving up on to one shoulder and leaving the other bare: with towelling beachrobes cut after the same manner, with winning little sporty dresses that cover one shoulder only.

The fashion itself seems a pleasant contradiction of the axiom that You Can't Have It Both Ways: a sleek, sunbanned shoulder is a pretty sight, but strapless sundresses don't always do all they might for their wearers.

Wonder heel

THE good news that most women are going to find it hard to credit: someone has finally produced a stiletto heel that—hold your breath—not only cannot break but WILL NEVER NEED HEELING.

Women have always assumed pessimistically that anyone could have made this years ago but vested interest kept on buying up the patent at the last minute (as with ladder-proof nylons and other desirable things).

Giving them the lie, an American firm is bringing out this wonder soon. No one particular place to look for them as yet; but most of the big names in footwear are biting cautiously already, and what is known to the trade as "point of sale advertising"—in other words notices in shop windows—will alert the eager customers.



THE ONE-BARE-BRITISH-SHOULDER: Sun-, beach-, and terrace-dress made in colours that will favour a smooth tan; the fabric is a lustrous-looking rayon, dyed to an ombre symphony of sand, olive and beige. By Polly Peck.

The heels—carrying an inextinguishable guarantee—are called, appropriately, Lifetime. They're made of moulded plastic and into a hole drilled up through them a rigid steel pin is rammed, under pressure.

Result, according to the makers: not even girls with that destructive habit of rocking idly, backwards and forwards on their stiletto heels can do there real damage.

Whether the shoe repairmen will be quite so delighted with them is, of course another matter.

"Translucent"
Ever since I read in a glossy magazine that "the new feeling for a na-

tural look in beauty means that make-up this season must be more subtle than ever before," I've had a feeling that when all other ideas were exhausted the beauty people still had one rich old vein to work through.

Proving me right as usual, an American firm has just produced the very newest idea in lipstick.

It's the Stained Glass Lipstick that covers your lips with a "stained glass" colour.

The idea is, of course, to look as though you're not actually wearing lipstick at all.

—(London Express Service).



HEADING THE SERIOUS READING-LIST IN 1961: the spectacle-shape most seen on smart sunglasses-wearers in summer 1960. . . arresting, plain, very workmanlike, and a glorious change from the baroque, jobs in curvy, colourful plastic or the surrealist wonders with three gilded spikes to each eye. Produced in Britain by designer Michael Birch, they can be ordered along with your new lenses.

YESTERDAY'S RUGBY

RAF ends Club's unbeaten record

By "PROP"

The Royal Air Force last night became the first side this season to beat the Football Club at rugby when they won the rather scrappy Hexangular Tournament match at the Club Stadium by three points to nil.

A penalty goal, well taken by Weavill, in the first ten minutes of the game was sufficient to set Club back in their title bid.

But let there be no mistake. My surprise that Club might not correct the Kai Tak boys stepped in and took it by out-playing the Club's pack!

Without the usual monopoly of the ball in the tight that Dwyer inevitably provides for them, Club were beaten time and again in the loose, and only Bedford and Williams were noticeable in the lineup.

Lethargic

The RAF pack played very well and were the main reason for this Club defeat. In contrast the Club pack were lethargic and took about their worst display of the entire season.

In fact, to speak of the Club forwards as a "pack" is to give quite the wrong impression — they were eight individuals, who were never quite together.

Club were slow to start, which is not uncommon for them, but so were RAF and play was without very much purpose during the first ten minutes, until RAF were awarded a penalty on the touchline and about fifteen yards from the Club line.

Weavill came up from the full-back position and with a fine kick lifted the ball over the bar, and the RAF hopes into the air, for a three-point lead.

Club now realised that they had a fight on their hands and pressed towards the RAF line, but poor handling and a sound defence kept them out.

Penalty

Ge, with a long kick, put RAF into the attack only five yards from the Club line, after a penalty had been awarded about fifteen yards inside their own half.

Club struggled back to the half-way line, but Kelly was paralysed (or hanging on) and after a tackle and from the Club ten-yard line Weavill was

only just short and wide with his kick.

Club now seemed to realise the menace of Weavill's sure right foot and did their best to put themselves out of range. In this they were successful, and indeed they forced play to the RAF twenty-five line where they were awarded a penalty. Moore ran up to kick in complete silence and pushed the ball past the outside of the left-hand post.

Ge at fly-half was getting quite a good service from Dwyer and was using it intelligently to keep his side on the attack. Time and again he found touch deep in the Club half and Club were starting to get very ragged in their general approach to the game. Jack and Dixon with Anthony to help them were controlling the majority of the line-outs, but although RAF looked dangerous with the ball they somehow could not manage to make a scoring break. At half-time the score had not changed.

A talking-to

"Tackle" Smith, who was skipping the side in the absence of Digby-Bennett, gave his team a talking-to at the interval and on the resumption it looked as if the "lecture" was going to pay off. BUT, although Club gained a half-back, his final pass to capitalise on these mistakes, rushing the ball to the other end with their feet.

Kennedy and Stewart both dropped passes near the line and RAF were able to capitalise on these mistakes, rushing the ball to the other end with their feet.

Club gained the ball and went left. Kennedy, with a neat high kick, made a great scoring chance but the forwards were not there in support. However, from a lineout shortly after, Wilson spotted a gap and made a half-back. His final pass to Kennedy went astray and the opportunity was lost.

Evans was enjoying himself by kicking the rolling ball hard and chasing it. Moore was never too happy with the awkwardly bouncing ball and consequently Club handling errors were capitalised upon by the RAF. From one such rush a pick-up and cross kick by Evans to Dixon with a clear run to the line, but he failed to control the ball and the Club managed to scramble the ball away.

Little cohesion

For the greater part of the second half play remained in the RAF half, but the Club could never quite break through a solid defence. With Club still on the attack Mr Davies signalled "no-side" and RAF had inflicted in the Club's first defeat after 15 straight wins.

For Club the only players to add to the reputations of the Scrubby and McTavish, Wilson tried hard to find the opening, but suffered from the close attentions of the RAF back-row.

Williams as a substitute hooker also battled gamely, but was guilty of striking too soon on more than one occasion. The rest of the forwards played pluckily enough, but they exhibited very little cohesion. At the lineout they refused to bind and prevent the opposing pack from coming through. In the loose they refused to follow the ball at any pace, and in the light they pushed hard but to little purpose. The practice of pushing with right and main before the ball is put into the scrum should be frowned upon by the officials, whereas the policy of pushing as the scrum-half should be practised a little more! There was not a noticeable straightening of the knees from either pack last night!

Pack magnificent

For RAF the pack were magnificent. Although pushed off the ball in the light, Mason managed to strike soundly for the scrum, on many occasions against the "nose-head", and his all-round display tonight earns him far more plaudits than his display last Wednesday against the Brigade side. Raw took over the wing-forward berth vacated by Barwell, and proved his ability by bottling up Wilson.

Dixon played his usual sound game and led the pack quietly but efficiently.

Ge had a good game at fly-half, and the three, although achieving little in attack, gave away even less in defence.

At full-back Weavill came through this game with flying colours and his penalty-kick earned his side their victory.

Full marks to Mike Dixon and his boys for a fighting victory they thoroughly deserved. Their victory will do them a power of good. For Club this loss will do them a power of harm and will at the same time provide a little more interest to the Tournament.

The teams

RAF: Low, Poyner, Ge, Evans, Forward, Mason, Ball, Jack, Anthony, Beck, Dixon, Raw.
Club: Moore, Kelly, McTavish, Kennedy, Stewart, Wilson, Scrubby, Bedford, Williams, Macaulay, Smith, Ross, Berreloth, Hall, Johnson.

Springboks beat North Scotland

Aberdeen, Jan. 25. The South African Rugby Union touring team beat the North of Scotland by 22 points to nine here today after leading 6-3 at half-time.

The Springboks dominated the set scrums, but were made to fight every inch of the way by a gallant Scottish side.

Try-scorers for the touring team were Piet Du Toit, Benny Van Nickerk, Doug Hopwood and Mike Anselme.

Dick Lockyer converted two tries and landed two penalty goals. Craig kicked three penalty goals for North of Scotland.

LAST NIGHT'S BOXING



Wong Hon-shan of the Chinese Boxing Club lands a stinging left on Garry Elms (unattached) during one of the bantamweight division fights in the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association's Open Tournament at the Southern Playground last night. Wong won on points.—China Mail photo.

Taiwan lady softballers take on champions South China this Sunday

By OLLY VAS

The words "Taiwan girls" are synonymous with the best in ladies' softball these days and it is with great pleasure that I now pass on the news to all lovers of the game that the Ken Ying Ladies' Softball Team of Taiwan will be seen in action this Sunday at King's Park at 3.00 pm.

The visitors are actually the old Tao Kong School team re-naming under a new name and several of the girls have severed connections with the school and so they are no strangers to local softball.

Ken Ying are scheduled to arrive in the Colony by the at Szechuen this Saturday morning and the team will play off its first game of the series against the current champions, South China A.A.

Won 32, lost 4

In other fixtures arranged for them Ken Ying will take on All-Hongkong the following Saturday at 2.30 pm and SCAA again the next day at 3.00 pm.

There is very little more any contributor to these columns can say about the visitors for as usual the Taiwan girls' reputation precedes them to these shores and many familiar faces will be seen in the line-up for the series. However, it might be worth recalling that over a period of five years we have not faced too successfully against the Taiwan girls, their collective record reading: "Won 32, Lost 4."

All-Hongkong have not won a game against them since March 1955 when the local team beat them 5-2. The SCAA ladies inflicted two defeats on the Taiwan girls and by an odd coincidence the losers on both occasions were "Two Kongs." They lost 1-2 in March 1959 and 0-1 barely a year later. The only other defeat suffered by the Taiwan teams was at the hands of our schoolboy champions, St Francis Xavier's College, last year, in a friendly encounter.

As the SCAA team have not been unduly extended in any of their league games for the past two seasons it will be difficult to forecast how they will shape up against top opposition. Naturally we hope that the local champions will score a hat-trick in victories and as this season they have already shown that they have lost none of their steadiness of mind or their prowess at batting fans are assured of a hard-fought contest.

Junior League

The visit by Ken Ying will not interfere with the Junior league programme. On Saturday there will be two matches played off at King's Park.

In the opening game, at 2.00 pm, the St Andrews should account for the Wolves without too much trouble and the Indians should have the measure of the Antelopes at 3.30 pm.

The Cheyennes ladies and the Junior Pandas are said to have withdrawn from the respective leagues though no official written confirmation on this is at hand, so there will be no early morning match. However, at 11.00 am the White Sox keep an appointment with the Austers and yet another one-sided game is expected to take place.

The usual 1.30 pm Senior match is off as the SCAA versus Cheyennes game is being rescheduled but then any disappointment felt over the rescheduling will be offset by the big game between Ken Ying and SCAA.

To conclude it might not be an unprofitable move for all

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By LEONARD BARDEN

Here is a problem by C. Mansfield (Observer, 1932). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5968: 1. RXP2, 2. BXB3, KXB3, 3. RXP2, 4. R-R8, BXB3, 5. QXP2 ch wins.

London Express Service.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting Executive Committee Education Department, 8.30 pm.

Tomorrow

Meeting Council Meeting, Assn's Olympic Sports Federation & Olympic Committee Meeting, S.C.M. Post boardroom, 8.30 pm.

Star-studded field for San Francisco Open

San Francisco, Jan. 25. A star-studded field of foreign challengers is included in the field of professionals who will take part in the 27-hole San Francisco International Golf Tournament which opens tomorrow.

Included are Haruyoshi Kobayashi and Teddieh Kikuta of Japan, Chen Ching of Formosa, Pastore Domingo and Ben Arda of the Philippines; Gary Player of South Africa; Bruce Crampton of Australia, Eric Brown of Scotland, Max Faulkner of England and some good players from South America.

All want shares of the \$37,000, in prize money. The first prize is \$8,000. Observers feel America's Arnold Palmer and Ken Venturi have the best chances to win.

Fast play is expected on the 6,738-yard, par 71 Harding Park course on which the greens are firm. Partly cloudy weather is predicted for the start of play.—AP.

Hongkong can retain Interport Hockey Cup this Sunday

By NUMPERE

One of the top sports highlights this weekend will be the Interport hockey match between Hongkong and Macao to be played in Macao on Sunday.

This annual match, for the Spalding Cup, has been competed for since 1934 except for the years 1942-47 inclusive.

Hongkong are the present holders of the trophy which they have held since winning it in Hongkong in 1958. They retained it in 1959 and 1960 by holding Macao each time to a draw.

A summary of results to date is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Macao	20	8	7	5	30	28
Hongkong	20	5	7	8	28	30

The Hongkong Hockey Association has held a series of trial and practice matches in preparation for the Interport but the team shows one change from that originally selected, Bowell (Army) at centre-half is unfortunately unfit and Castro (Recreio) replaces him.

The team

The team is: Kadir (Prisons), Pettyfer and Oliphant (Army), Valera (Macensis), Castro and Silva (Recreio), Collico (Recreio), O. K. Dallah (IRC), Narbu Laina (Army), Gardner captain (Nav Bharat), and L. Gutierrez (Recreio), Umpire: K. Lall.

I am sure that all supporters of hockey in Hongkong will join with me in wishing the team every success in bringing the Spalding Cup back to Hongkong. Personally I think they will.

In addition to the Interport match another is played between the Interport 'B' XI's. This season the HKHA has departed from its normal practice of selecting the 'B' XI from all Colony players by selecting it from only Second Division players.

The team selected is as follows: Rehim (Nav Bharat), Gahoor (HKHC), Panna (Nav Bharat), Leach (Army), Harris (Army), Macaulay (HKHC), Gabriel Limbu (Army), Humfrey (Army), Zia Hussain (Prisons), Ryan (RAF), and Ullman Singh (Nav Bharat), Umpire: P. Kayler.

Because of the Interport there are only two Second Division matches scheduled for Sunday but the Ladies' League has a full programme for Saturday. In this division

League tables

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macensis 'A'	9	7	1	1	31	9	15
Nav Bharat 'A'	10	6	4	1	33	18	14
KCC 'A'	10	5	3	2	33	23	13
Army 'A'	10	5	1	4	31	12	11
Recreio 'A'	10	5	1	4	24	13	11
IRC 'A'	10	4	2	4	37	21	10
Recreio 'B'	10	1	0	9	16	54	2
Macensis 'B'	9	1	0	8	10	43	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Prisons	10	10	0	0	41	5	20
Army 'B'	9	8	0	1	50	11	16
Demons	9	4	2	3	32	20	10
Rangers	11	8	1	2	31	20	9
Nav Bharat 'B'	10	3	2	5	15	16	8
Lions	10	2	2	6	11	44	6
IRC 'B'	9	1	0	8	11	42	2
Macensis 'C'	1	1	1	0	3	3	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAF	8	8	0	0	72	6	16
Army 'C'	8	6	1	1	34	10	13
KCC 'B'	8	5	1	2	30	11	11
HKHC 'A'	8	3	3	2	18	21	9
Duke 'A'	7	1	1	5	16	25	3
IRC 'C'	7	1	0	6	14	40	2
Nav Bharat 'C'	6	0	0	6	6	61	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Recreio	12	11	0	1	51	5	23
Gremlins 'A'	12	0	1	11	2	6	1
KGV 'A'	12	0	1	11	2	6	1
KCC 'C'	12	7	4	1	49	16	15
Victorians	11	4	1	6	31	20	9
Gremlins 'B'	12	1	2	9	6	61	4
St Georges	12	0	1	11	2	6	1

Agostini: Undercover payments for athletes are widely accepted

New York, Jan. 25.

Mike Agostini, one of the world's top sprinters in the 1950's, charges that undercover payments to amateur track and field athletes are widely accepted and that even some amateur officials are involved.

He says that some amateur runners make as much as \$10,000 a year in Europe, with Scandinavia the choicest payoff area.

Agostini, a Trinidadian now living in London, declared in a copyrighted story appearing in Sports Illustrated magazine that amateur track and field should be called "shamateurism."

Prices vary

Prices for running at indoor meetings, he writes, vary with the athlete's events. "Sprinters, plentiful in the U.S., may get from \$50 to \$150. Middle-distance men command a higher fee, ranging from \$100 to \$800. The milers are the best paid of all. Some can command fees of \$1,000 and the average miler gets

between \$300 and \$800," he says.

Scandinavia, he says, is considered "the best area for the athlete in search of extras."

Agostini describes the type-writer he used to write his story as an "illegal prize" for running second to Germany's Armin Hary in a track meeting in Düsseldorf in 1958.

He was a "true-blue-amateur" until the age of 17 in 1952, Agostini writes.

Then in a post-Olympic meeting, he relates, he entered a dressing room and overheard one of the leading middle-distance men in the world—a mustachioed champion who can still be seen around the athletic world—telling an Amateur Athletic Union official that he would not run until he got his money. The meet-

ing went off as scheduled, Agostini continues, and later the same AAU official handed Agostini \$40 for spending money.

Soon he found officials willing to go along with the idea, says Agostini.

"In England, a world renowned Amateur Athletic Association official, whose name is respected by all over here, told me in 1958:

"Mike—see as much as you can, travel as much as you can, run as often as you can, make as much as you can—but for God's sake don't get caught, old chap, for it is my job, you know, and I must come after you if you do."

\$1 a yard

The article recounts several incidents involving universities, clubs, coaches and promoters in dealings with stars and potential stars. The arrangements ranged from outright bargaining—one runner wanted one dollar a yard in his races, Agostini says—to subtleties such as padding expenses.

Agostini says he knew that by writing the article, "I well realize I shall never again be allowed to compete. But in putting down my experience, drawing attention to the racket that are really designed for living forced by the outmoded rules, perhaps I shall be able to draw attention to the farcical situations caused by applying ancient rules to modern requirements"—AP.

French drivers almost certain of winning Monte Carlo Rally

Monte Carlo, Jan. 25.

French drivers Maurice Martin and Roger Bateau, who drove an 848 cc Panhard from Monte Carlo, tonight seemed virtually certain to win the 1961 Monte Carlo Motor Rally.

The French drivers, both 30, hold a lead of nearly 27 points over their nearest rivals with only the speed test tomorrow morning to go. Experts believe they cannot be caught.

It is the eighth Monte Carlo Rally for Martin, a Cannes garage proprietor. If he wins, it will be the sixth victory for French cars since the war, but the first for the Panhard firm.

50th Anniversary

Success for one of the starters from Monte Carlo would give special satisfaction to the principally, as the organisers brought the casino city its again as a starting point this year, after a lapse of five years, to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rally.

Lying second is another 840 cc Panhard, driven by the German crew of Walter Locleier and Hans-Joachim Walter, from Stockholm. They have 2,298,500 points to the 2,271,738 of the Frenchmen (the lower mark is the better).

Points are worked out on a hundred basis to line up the performances on the Charbonniere-Monte Carlo communal run.

First 12

Locleier was fourth in 1958 and sixth in 1957.

In third place, with 2,307,443 points, is the Finnish team of Esko Kainanen and Taneli Elund. They drove a Czechoslovakian Skoda from Stockholm.

Six of the leading 12 cars are French, including four Panhard's. Three are German, two Swedish and one Czechoslovakian. Mercedes took the first three places last year.—AP.

Selection deferred

Sydney, Jan. 25. Selection of Australia's cricket team to tour England this year has been deferred until after the fifth Test against West Indies which will be played in Melbourne from February 10 to 15.

This was announced today by Mr Alan Barnes, Secretary of the Australian Cricket Board of Control.

The selectors have now a fortnight longer in which to watch four candidates: The team was originally to have been named after the fourth Test which ends in Adelaide next week.—China Mail Special.

Springboks beat North Scotland

Aberdeen, Jan. 25. The South African Rugby Union touring team beat the North of Scotland by 22 points to nine here today after leading 6-3 at half-time.

The Springboks dominated the set scrums, but were made to fight every inch of the way by a gallant Scottish side.

Try-scorers for the touring team were Piet Du Toit, Benny Van Nickerk, Doug Hopwood and Mike Anselme.

Dick Lockyer converted two tries and landed two penalty goals. Craig kicked three penalty goals for North of Scotland.



K.O. PUNCH!

As the bell clangs for the twelfth round, the champion comes stalking from his corner like a tiger about to pounce on his prey. Crouching, swaying, with the roar of the crowd hammering in his ears, the little man waits implacably for the opening.

Then, with a quick shift, this sawn-off Hercules with the slicked-down hair and fixed, bird-like stare, smashes a slaughtering left hook flush to the jaw. And there, crumpled on the canvas, lies the challenger with 40,000 half-crazed fans up on their feet shouting and screaming.

That was Benny Lynch at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, on the cold, aqually night of October 13, 1937—the night of his greatest fight. Punching with crushing speed and power, he annihilated Peter Kane, the 19-year-old blacksmith from Golborne, Lancashire, in their head-on clash for the world flyweight title.

Right from the beginning, the fight had been one of high excitement. For more than an hour before Lynch and Kane entered the ring, a mob of people milled and clamoured for admission around the narrow entrances of the ground.

Police were defied, women jostled and injured in the rush and crush to get in.

Like a glancing Ruby scum the crowd surged forward. Hundreds clamoured ever faster and louder barriers. Others crawled beneath stands in the ditch and mud to reach ring-side seats.

SPECTATOR DIES

A man who climbed on an asbestos roof jumped so high in his excitement that he went clean through and injured two people standing below.

Another man died in a ring-side seat between the seventh and eighth rounds.

For this was one of the most tense and desperate fly-weight battles ever seen in the prize ring.

A fight which had the frenzied spectators teetering on their seat edges, fingernails biting into sweaty palms.

A fight which in its blazing ferocity was like a throwback to the old barroom days. A fight which a few hundred miles away, in the heart of the desert, was being watched by a man in a suit and tie.

It took everybody by the throat. Even the oldest campaigner was stirred to the depths.

by ALAN HOBY

"For myself, I lived every minute of it, and I felt every blow."

Indeed, right up to that electrifying 12th round when Lynch landed his blockbuster left, the fight had swayed first one way, then the other.

In the opening seconds of the first round the Scot, with his first punch—a blazing belting right—slammed Kane to the canvas.

But Kane got up and, in the following rounds, swept back with such fire and fury that it was impossible to count the blows.

Time and again the Golborne wonder threw whistling hooks and crosses which missed the Scot's aggressive chin by a hairbreadth.

Time and again Kane slammed in vicious rib-benders and nudged and worried Lynch with his strength and speed of foot.

In the ninth they slugged toe-to-toe all round the ring.

It was a contest in which these two went overboard. It was as if Lynch and Kane had a private agreement that the fight must end by a knock-out.

Benny Lynch was the boxing hero of Scotland. His K.O. defeat of Peter Kane was one of the most tense and desperate fly-weight battles ever seen in the ring.

Triumph... then tragedy for Benny the marvel



his aching body for 13 im-perishable rounds, Peter Kane is still conscious.

As the referee, W. Barrington Dalby, amid a deafening din, shouts "eight, nine, ten, OUT," the brave loser's bulging, Eddie Cantor eyes gaze up weakly out of his pale face as if to say: "I've given everything. I can give no more."

BOOTH BOXER

Meanwhile, as Lynch's hand is raised in token of victory, every Scot goes crazy.

Swept away by joy, they swarm over the ropes to embrace their champion.

For ten wild minutes they beset and surround this eight-stone marvel who has just out-boxed and out-punched a lighter wheeler record bristled with knock-outs; a fighter unbeaten for three years.

For ten minutes they kiss him, hug him and dance their delight. Then, plunging through hysterical throngs, they carry him, shoulder-high to his dressing-room.

This was Benny Lynch in the hour of his supreme triumph. Benny Lynch the greatest fly-weight since Jimmy Wilde.

In a few rapid years he had risen from obscurity to glory. When no more than a boy he had run away from home to join a travelling boxing booth where, in an atmosphere of sweat, sawdust, and tobacco smoke, he beat all-comers.

By the time he was 21 he had become a "veteran" of more than 200 fights.

By the time he was 22 he had won the world, British, and European fly-weight titles from Jackie Brown of Manchester, a exactly four and a half minutes. Brown was floored nine times.

And by the time this Clyde-side ex-riveter was 27 he had made an estimated £28,000.

Unfortunately, the very "friends" who feted and flattered him when he was the champion, proved his undoing.

For, after his victory over Peter Kane, who, despite his hiding, was destined to succeed him as the world titleholder, Lynch tobogganed downhill.

Drink killed poor Benny. His tragedy was that he could win every fight except the one that mattered—with himself.

He grew fat and bloated. In a return match he was lucky to draw with Kane.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Races 6 and 7 of the 1st Day of the 7th Race Meeting on 21st January, 1961, i.e. the Caulway Bay Handicap (2nd Section), One Mile for Class 3 horses and the Silver Mine Day Handicap (2nd Section), from the 1½ Mile Post for Class 2 horses, will now be run as Races 9 and 10 at 1.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. respectively on Saturday, 23rd January, 1961.

There will be no Cash Sweeps on Races 9 and 10 on the 23rd January, 1961.

Race 8 on the 1st Day of the 7th Race Meeting on 21st January, 1961, i.e. the Caulway Bay Handicap, from the 1½ Mile Post for Class 3 horses, will now be run on Saturday, 11th February, 1961.

Owners are notified that declarations of starters and riders and the draw for positions for these races made and published on 20th January, 1961 will stand.

Races 1 to 8 on 23rd January, 1961, as previously published, will now be run at half hourly intervals commencing at 2.30 p.m. and ending at 6.00 p.m. instead of at 2.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

The first saddling bell on Saturday, 23rd January, 1961, will now be rung at 1.00 p.m.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1961.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

7th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for Races 1 to 8 for the Second Day close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1961.

No Declarations are required for Races 9 and 10.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1961.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Saturday 11th February, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 31st January, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Refunds of Cash Sweep Tickets for the 6th, 7th and 8th Races, and the appropriate proportion of Through Tickets, purchased in respect of the Race Meeting held on the 21st January 1961, will be made at the Prince's Building Cash Sweep Office of the Club during office hours, on presentation of the relevant Cash Sweep Tickets and Vouchers.

By Order of the Stewards,
PEAT, MARWICK,
MITCHELL & CO.,
Treasurers.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1961.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

7TH RACE MEETING

2nd Day — Saturday 28th January, 1961.

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.00 p.m. and the First Race run at 1.30 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.15 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Almeida Street; King's Road, North Point and 302 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Times will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72511).

Members' Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members' Enclosure by the entrance to the Members' Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members' Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each for Races 1 to 8 may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Almeida Street and 302 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the 1st race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:

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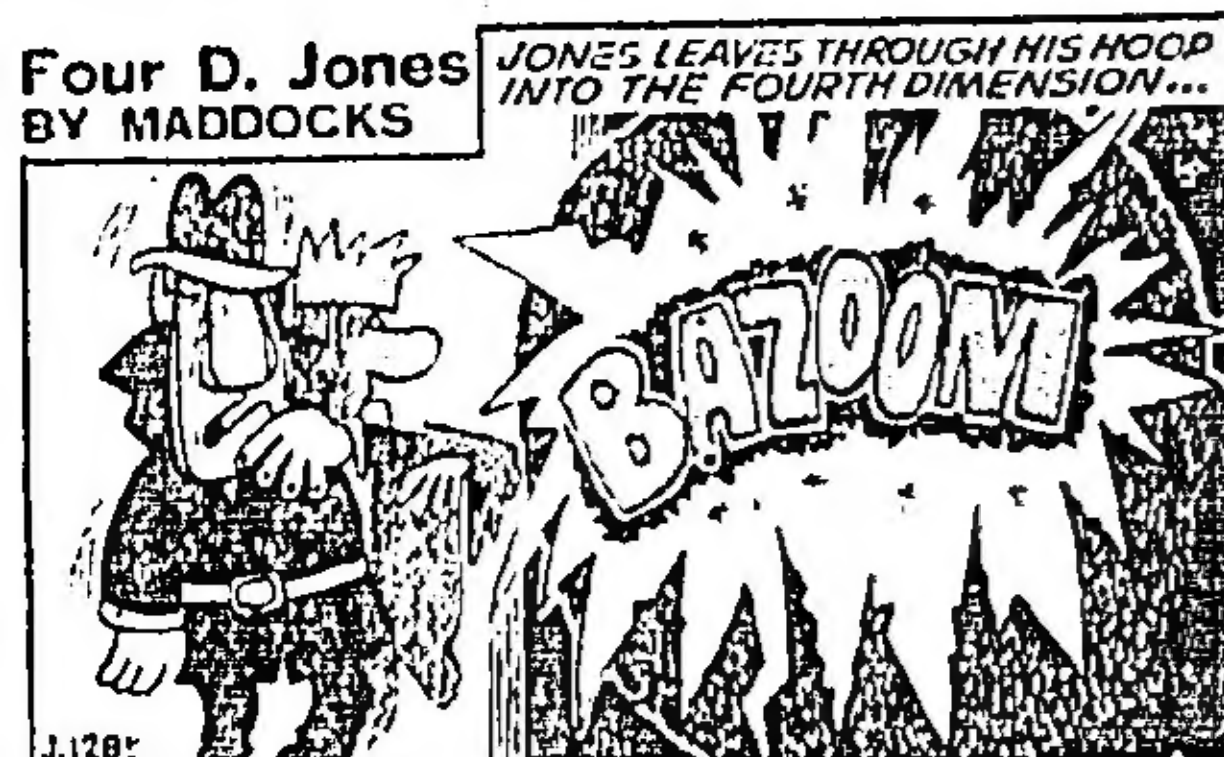
Wednesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 28th January 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 302 Nathan Road, Kowloon—

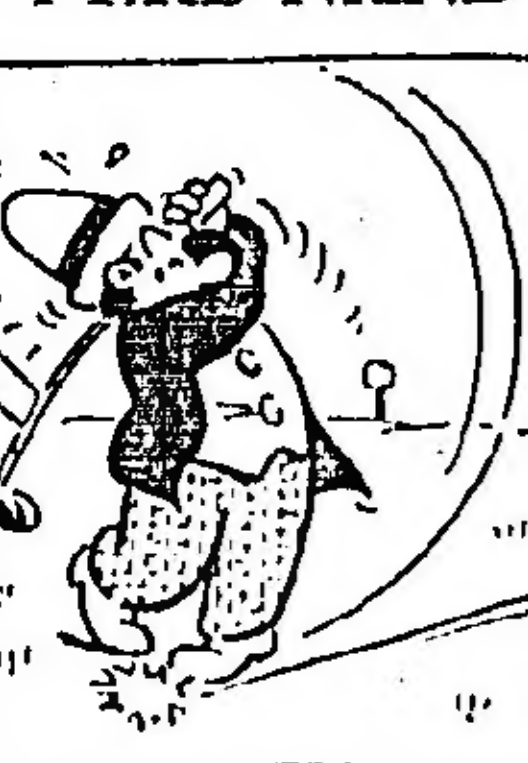
Wednesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 28th January 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1961.



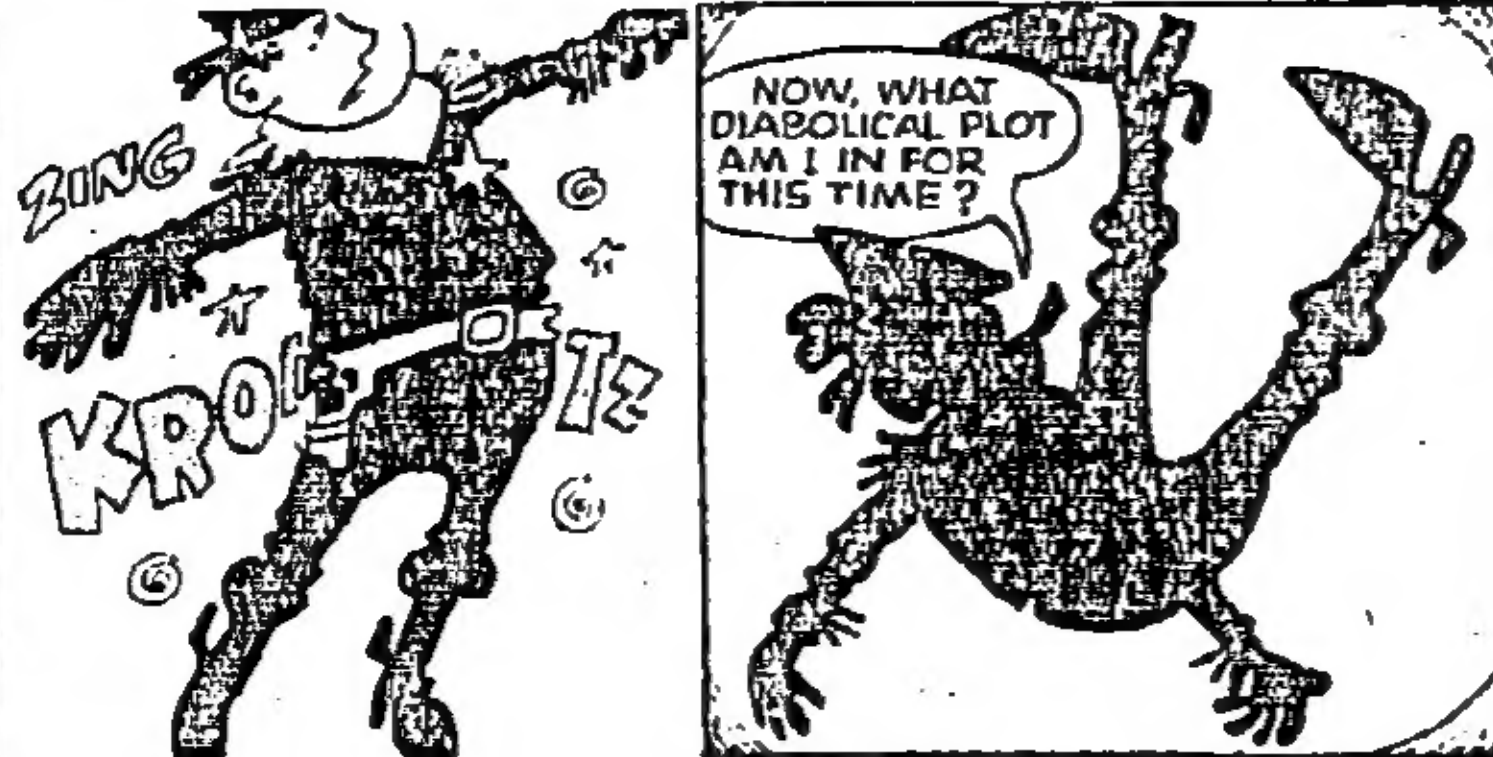
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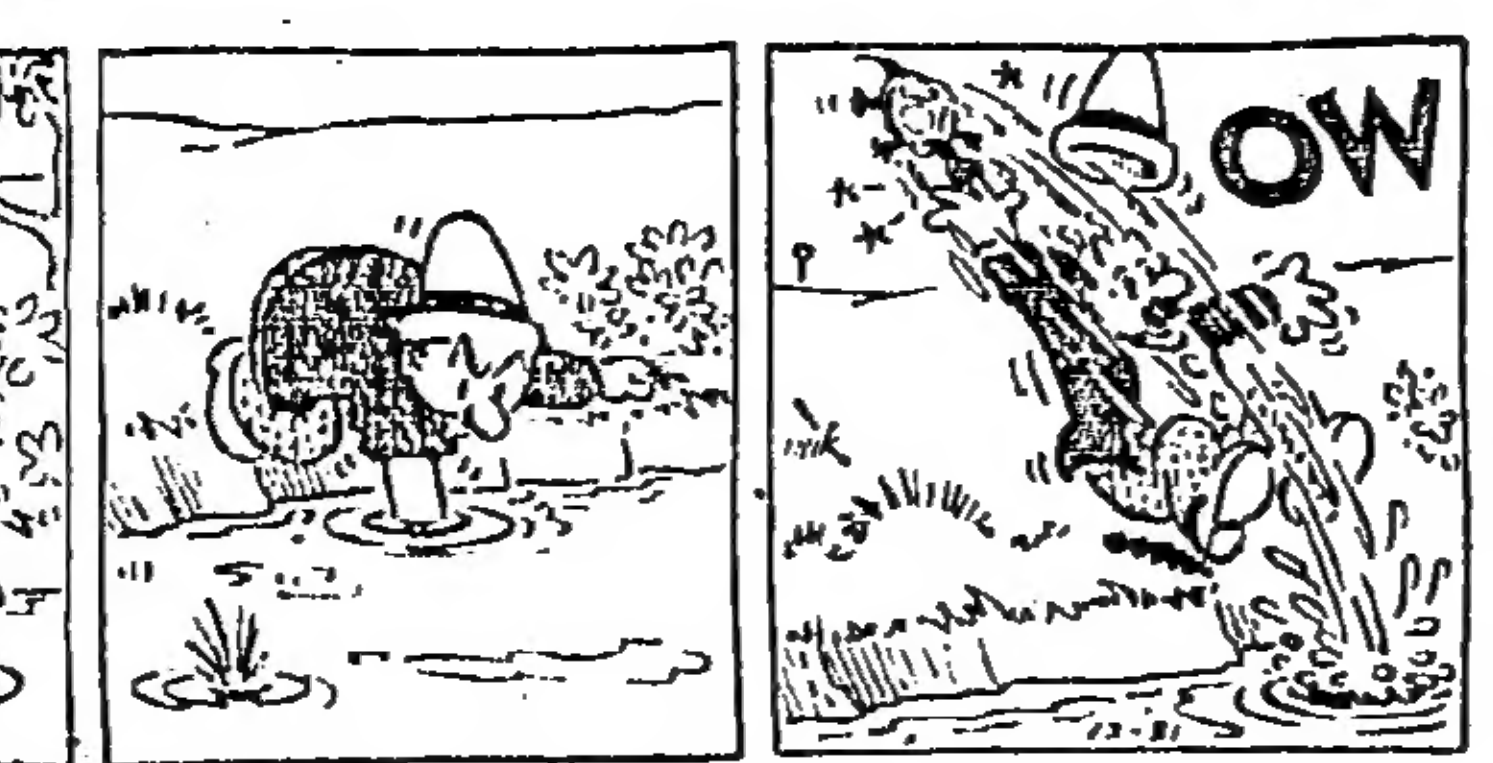
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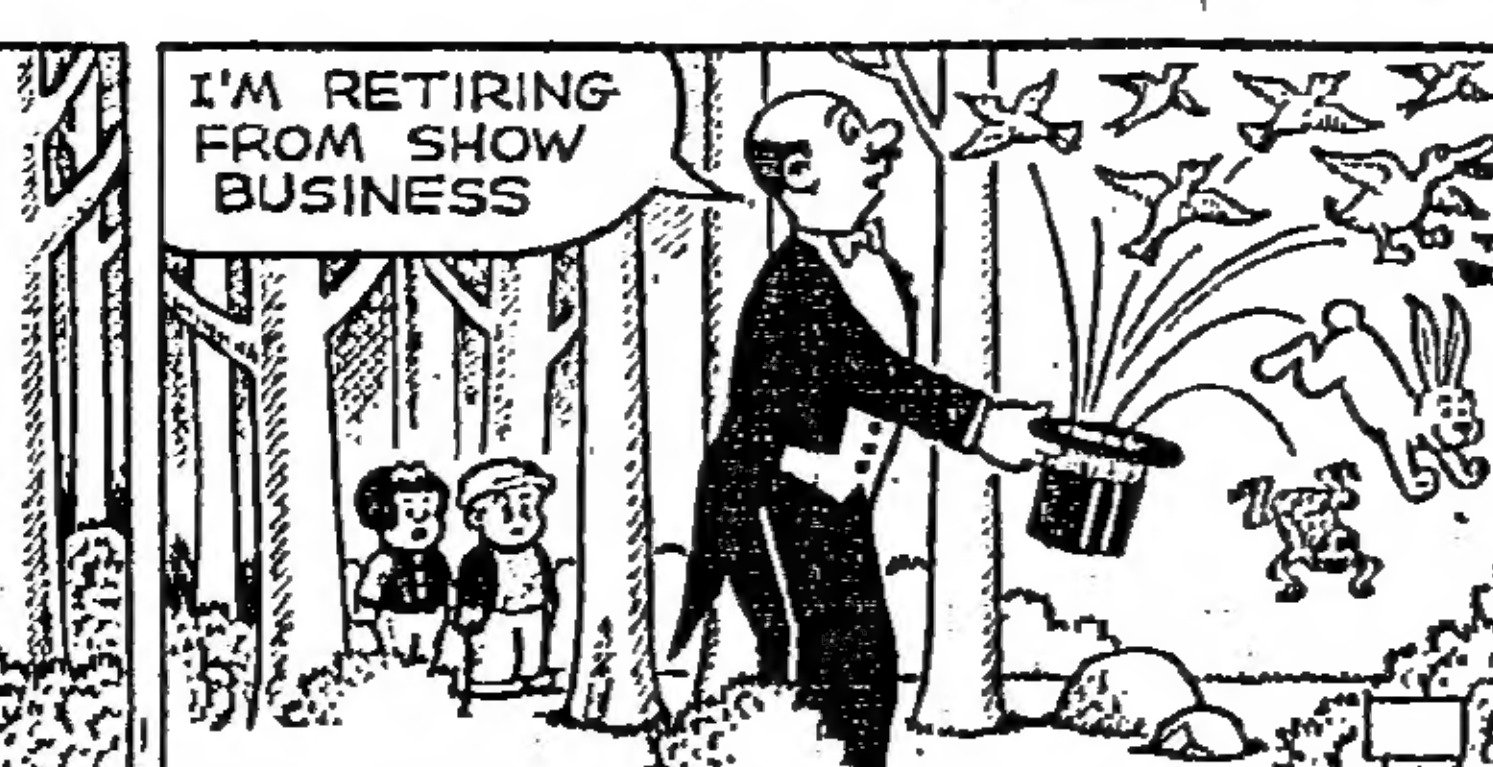
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1961.

ARMY JOB RACKET EXPOSED IN COURT

An employment racket in the War Department came to light today when two employees pleaded guilty before Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning to conspiracy.

Pang Chak-sum, a 40-year-old clerk attached to "Q" Branch, Headquarters, Land Forces, Victoria Barracks, was fined \$500 and bound over in the sum of \$1,000 for three years.

Lee Kwong, alias Lee Sun, a kitchen hand attached to Stanley Fort, was conditionally discharged and bound over in \$500 for two years.

GOT JOB

Detective Inspector W. M. Ross of the Anti-Corruption Branch prosecuting said that last September, Lee Kwong was approached by a man named Lam Ngai-tai, who asked him to find a job in Stanley Barracks.

Lee took Lam's identity card to the Pay Office. Ten days later, Lam was employed by the War Department as a kitchen hand.

Three days after Lee asked Lam to give him \$80 "tea money" for fixing up the job.

On two separate occasions the money was passed over to the two accused.

Inspector Ross said that the second defendant did not receive any money and that the first defendant kept \$30 out of the \$80.

He also said that the remaining \$50 was handed over to someone else.

Inspector Ross then said that both defendants were very cooperative.

TESTIMONIALS

Mr. Y. H. Chan of Lau, Chan and Ko, who represented Pang said in mitigation that Pang had received several testimonials from commanding officers for his work in the War Department.

Mr. Chan also said that Pang was "just a small cog in a big machine."

Mr. R. H. Hindmarsh of Messrs Stewart and Co. represented Lee.

Fourth petition sent to Governor BIG FIRMS JOIN PROTEST

Mother would be glad to see son sent to jail

A mother told a magistrate today that she would be very happy if her 17-year-old son were sent to jail.

She earlier said the boy had stolen her purse.

The boy, Lau For-yau, who pleaded not guilty, was remanded seven days by Causeway Bay magistrate Mr. K. A. S. Phillips for a probation report.

The mother, Lai Yee, 58, said in evidence that on January 9 the boy, her youngest son, came into her hut at Morrison Hill at about 9 pm, and suddenly covered her head with a quilt.

RAN AWAY

He then snatched her purse which was tied around her waist. It contained two gold finger rings and \$107. Her son then ran away, she said.

A report was made to the police and he was arrested on information at 274, Hennessy-road on January 12. Only one finger ring was recovered.

When asked by Mr. Phillips what kind of a son her boy was, the mother replied: "He is a very bad boy and often assaulted me."

AUSTRALIAN RECEPTION

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, at noon today, proposed the toast "Australia" at the reception in honour of the 173rd anniversary of Australia Day held in the Hongkong Club.

The Australian Government Senior Trade Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Patterson, who with his wife had welcomed the many guests arriving for the cocktail reception, first proposed the toast to the Queen.

The Governor who attended with Lady Black, replied with the toast to Australia.

DEATH OF MRS U.M. OMAR

The death of Hajia Khadija Omar, widow of the late Hajji U. M. Omar, occurred early today at the Young Wo Sanatorium.

Hajia Omar is survived by three daughters, Mrs. K. Chatterjee, Mrs. Wali Mohamed and Mrs. Y. Alladin, a brother, H. D. Rumjahn and a sister, Hajia Rokaya Rumjahn, nine grand children, many brothers and sisters-in-law, including Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Omar, Mr. & Mrs. K. M. Omar, Mr. & Mrs. O. M. Omar, Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Omar, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Ismail and many cousins, including Mr. S. A. Rumjahn.

She is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

S'e has been on pilgrimage to Mecca twice and before her death was very active in Islamic affairs and a great benefactress to the needy and poor.

Burial will take place at the Muslim Cemetery Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m. today.

Owed duty

Chan Yau, 63, living on a junk, was fined \$500 or two months' jail by Central Magistrate Mr. Derek Cons this morning for having several bottles of liquor on which \$75.34 duty had not been paid.

Republic of India's eleventh anniversary

To mark the eleventh anniversary of the Indian Republic today, the Indian community gathered this morning at the house of the Commissioner for India, Mr. F. M. De Mello Kamath.

In the spacious garden overlooking the harbour, the Commissioner hoisted the Indian flag and the many guests sang the Indian national anthem.

They responded enthusiastically to a message from the President of India, read by Mr. De Mello Kamath, in which he said that India was in the last phase of its Second Five Year Plan and would soon enter on the Third Plan.

Reconstruction

"We have covered much new ground in most fields of our major hydroelectric projects, community development and basic industries like iron and steel and also small-scale industries."

The President said: "Whatever the difficulties, we are determined to carry out our programme of national reconstruction. I am sure you will have many pleasant surprises in store whenever you happen to visit the mother country next."

Mrs. B. Colaco, daughter of the Commissioner and Mrs. De Mello Kamath, dispensed as hostess for her mother who was ill.

Pakistan Ecate leader here

Mr. I. A. Khan, leader of the Pakistani delegation to the Ecate conference in Bangkok, arrived here by Thal International last night. Mr. Khan will stay in the Colony for several days.

North Point funeral parlour plan condemned

A petition to the Governor jointly signed by the Taikoo Sugar Refining Co Ltd, the China Navigation Co Ltd, three land investment companies, a big plastics factory and 500 residents was sent by their lawyers to the Colonial Secretariat yesterday.

The petition is against the proposed erection of a private funeral parlour on a site in Finlay-street in their immediate neighbourhood.

It said the International Funeral Parlour Ltd, acquired the site in July, 1960, and "intends to erect thereon a private mortuary and funeral parlour."

The petitioners, including Li On Investment Co Ltd, Tai Hing Enterprise Co. and Wing Shua Mansion, owners of multi-storied residential flats, Nylux Plastics Ltd, and other owners of buildings and building lots nearby, took the strongest objection to the funeral parlour plan.

Public interest

The petitioners asserted that "this is a matter which gravely affects the public interest" and set down ten reasons of objection in their petition drawn up by their solicitors.

They urged the Governor-in-Council in the circumstances to "take appropriate and immediate steps to prevent the utilisation of the site in question as a funeral parlour."

This is the fourth petition that the North Point residents, numbering about 100,000, have sent to the authorities protesting against the proposed private mortuary and funeral parlour.

Envoy leaves

Mr. Mohamed Ali H. Fahmy, a councillor at the United Arab Republic's Embassy in Peking, left by Swire for Bombay on leave. Mr. Fahmy was accompanied by his wife, daughter and three sons.

Letters from you to the editor MY COMPLAINTS ABOUT AIR TRAVEL

I have read with considerable interest your leader in Tuesday's issue of the China Mail regarding air travel.

There is one other point to which I think attention should be drawn, and that is surely it is rather futile for the world's major airlines to spend vast sums of money on jet aircraft, while apparently little is being done to reduce the delays in handling passengers at airports.

During a recent business visit to a certain Far Eastern country, the position was as follows:—

Flying time from Hongkong to destination by jet aircraft, three hours;

Time from airport to hotel, two hours.

If Governments in this part of the world continued to insist upon so much red-tape, then surely they should provide adequately trained staff to deal with the situation.

Another point is that in many places, it takes a very long time to unload passengers' luggage from the aircraft, and this is something which possibly the airlines can deal with themselves.

J. DUCKOKE.

dear sir

Marco Polo

We write upon the instructions of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., with reference to the report of an interview with Mr. Boulter, the Manager of the "Peninsula Court" and "Marco Polo" Restaurant, which appeared in your issue of January 2nd.

Your report states with reference to the intended use of the name "Marco Polo, Hongkong" for the Murray Parade Ground project, that our clients are "not taking any action".

We are instructed to say that this statement is incorrect, and that our clients will take such steps as they are advised to protect their interests.

DEACONS.

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Carlsberg



From the Files 25 years AGO

January 1936

From the Peak there is now plainly visible across the harbour what seems to be an extensive work near Chamel Rock. Much curiosity has been expressed. This is the retaining wall to the east of Kowloon Bay which will eventually envelope the bay known as Kun Tong and which owes itself to the dump for the city refuse.

This dump will in effect be a reclamation.

Ultimately, when the wall is completed and Kun Tong Bay filled in, the new land thus formed will be available for building.

It is understood that a considerable time will elapse before this is accomplished, as the work is proceeding slowly.

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THE following is a copy of a letter which has been received by Sir William Hornell from the Chief Secretary of the Executive Yuan at Nanking. Sir—

With reference to your letter enquiring if the graduates of your University may sit for the Civil Service Competition Examinations, I am directed to communicate to you that the President of the Executive Yuan has been advised by the Examination Yuan that, since the University of Hongkong is one of such foreign universities as have been accorded recognition by the Ministry of Education, its graduates are therefore eligible candidates for the examination.

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INTO CHEST

Sui said that he forced the knife inwards so that it pointed towards Tai's chest. The two men applied to the ground, the knife went into Tai's chest and blood spurted.

Judge, jury and counsel stood up to watch Sui as he demonstrated on the courtroom floor how he had rolled clear of Tai who had been sprawled on top of him.

After he was free, Sui said that he ran away clutching the knife and Tai chased him, beating him on his arm.

Tai finally dropped behind and Sui said that he went to the nearest police station, produced the knife and said that he had been chopped.

Mr. Henry Litton is instructed by Mr. J. N. Smart of Wilkinson and Grist.

The hearing continues.

Swiss businessman on leave

Mr. J. Andreas de Schulthess, of the Yokohama office of Desco de Schulthess, left here today by Swire for Zurich on home leave.

Mr. de Schulthess, who served with the Hongkong office of his company two years ago, had spent two days here on a private visit.

Mr. Alfred Edward Hall, one of the sons of the late Mr. Sir Tak-fan, well-known Chinese resident of Hongkong, died in Canton yesterday after a long illness.

Mr. Hall was born in Hongkong in 1892 and was educated at the Diocesan Boys School. He was called to the Bar in 1917 and joined the firm of Lo and Lo soon afterwards.

For some years he practised independently but three years ago he gave up his work on account of ill health. For some time past he had been undergoing treatment in the Canton hospital.

PICTORIAL PARADE

RIGHT: Seen at the annual dinner of the Hongkong Chess Society were (l-r) Mr. G. S. Coxhead, Mr. C. Weiss, Mr. Effim Krouk and Mr. J. Roca.

BELOW: Reunion dinner of Shanghai Public School old boys (l-r) Mr. M. Gotfried, Mr. U. de Bedin and Mr. H. R. Gaston.



ABOVE: Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kwan who were married recently at the Hongkong Marriage Registry. The bride is the former Miss Janet Lee.

LEFT: Seen at the cocktails given by Lufthansa airlines on the occasion of its inaugural flight to Hongkong (l-r) were Mr. H. Lorenzen, Sir Sik-nin Chao, Mr. H. Bank, Mr. M. Jensen and Mr. D. Von Hansemann.

